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Israeli planes blast Syrian army targets

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israeli planes and artillery bombarded Syrian positions on the Hermon range and the Golan Heights yesterday in response to almost constant Syrian shelling in the area throughout the day.

Twice during the morning Israeli planes were called in against Syrian military concentrations on the Golan Heights, near the region of Tel Harra and the slopes of the Hermon range. Planes attacked artillery and anti-aircraft batteries and other targets, causing heavy damage. All planes returned safely to base. The Army Spokesman denied a Syrian claim that an Israeli plane had been shot down.

At 1.55 yesterday afternoon two Syrian Mig-17s made a quick pass over the Israeli Hermon position, dropping bombs but causing no damage. Several times over the past few weeks the Syrians have sent planes into Israeli-held territory without being hampered by Israeli anti-aircraft fire. The planes usually make a low pass from north to south, dropping their loads at random and heading for home.

No official estimates of Israeli damage to Syrian forces from the air has been forthcoming as yet, but it is understood to have been heavy. One source said that dozens of Syrians have been killed over the past two weeks on the southern Golan Heights alone, while burned tanks, cannon and earth-moving equipment have been seen lying along the road the Syrians were building to their Hermon positions.

Artillery action in the region yesterday was light, with Israeli long-range guns replying in force. For the second consecutive day the Israeli post on Jebel Rus on the Lebanese border was attacked, but it is not clear whether the shells came from Syrian or Lebanese territory. During the October war the position was shelled with 120 mm. mortars by terrorists from Lebanon. Other positions shelled yesterday include the Hermon peak which came under light artillery fire for most of the day, Tel Karim, Tel Bazak and Um Butna in the southern sector of the Golan Heights.

There were no Israeli casualties yesterday.

SECURITY COMMITTEE CHOSEN

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet decided yesterday on the composition of its top-secret Ministerial Security Committee.

It made public the names of the 11 Ministers constituting the committee, but revealed nothing about its powers, mode of operation, why it was decided to have 11 Ministers — neither more nor less — and the criteria behind the selection.

The Agranat Commission on the Yom Kippur War underlined in its interim report the need to have a Ministerial Security Committee. It noted that the National Unity Cabinet after the Six Day War had numbered 24 Ministers, and 17 of them had constituted the Ministerial Security Committee. This grew so unwieldy that the committee became defunct, and the entire Cabinet then sat as a Ministerial Security Committee whose discussions remained secret.

The 11 committee members chosen from today's 22-man Cabinet are Premier Golda Meir, in the chair, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Ministers without Portfolio Israel Galili, and Gideon Hausner, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, Health Minister Victor Shemtov and Labour Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Cabinet determined the number of members to be on the committee and selected them in the framework of a Ministerial Security Committee discussion to prevent correspondents from plying Ministers

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Dayan, Gur brief Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, [a]nd the Chief of Staff, R/A Mordec[h]ai Gur, surveyed the security [si]tuation in the north at yesterday's [w]eekly Cabinet session.

No details were released of the [su]rveys, which were delivered while [th]e Cabinet sat as a Committee of [M]inisters on Security.

The helicopter tragedy on Saturday, and the artillery barrage before it which together cost 14 Israeli dead and seven wounded, were mentioned *en passant*. (Funerals — [pa]ge 2).

Israel's U.N. Ambassador, Yosef [Te]koah, was instructed yesterday to submit a letter of complaint to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim about the increasing Syrian aggression in the North.

Tekoah's letter will give details of the occasions between April 22 and 27 on which the Syrians opened artillery, rocket and missile fire (over 36 in all) and the incidents in which Syrian soldiers crossed the cease-fire line into Israeli territory.

Tekoah will draw attention to the statements by Syrian Foreign Minister Halim Khaddam that shooting would continue in the north without any reference to Dr. Kissinger's Middle East visit.

Secretary of State Kissinger and his wife Nancy in animated conversation at Andrews Air Force base before their flight to Geneva yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Labour Party vote on new coalition put off to May 9

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party has set May 9 as the deadline for the party vote on the new coalition. This was decided yesterday by the Labour Party Leadership Bureau's secretariat which resolved to put off for a week the scheduled session of the Labour Party Central Committee to which Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin is to report on his Cabinet-making efforts.

This change is contrary to the declared intention of Mr. Rabin in his acceptance speech last Monday when he spoke of a short negotiating period. The official version is that the delay is caused by a combination of circumstances, principally the involvement of senior ministers with Kissinger's latest Middle East mission, plus the need to find a common denominator with the prospective coalition partners.

Labour Party sources said that the key to immediate developments was now with the National Religious Party. Thus, the issue is in the hands of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, because the renewed rapprochement between the party heads and the Chief Rabbi provide him with a veto on the 'Who is a Jew' issue.

KEY WITH MAPAI

NRP sources read things differently, claiming that the key to future developments was still with the veteran Mapai leadership, who they did not believe was in such a hurry to make way for Mr. Rabin and his new Cabinet. They picked on two indicative pointers to uphold this prognosis: the departure for abroad of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, without whose approval, they claim, Mr. Rabin would not form his government, and the incumbent Cabinet's appointment yesterday of a ministerial Security Committee, which was seen as hardly indicating a readiness to step down.

For his part, Premier-designate Rabin yesterday indicated his desire to get down quickly to the business of coalition negotiations. After the Cabinet session, he convened a meeting of Alignment leaders including a number of ministers who were involved in the previous coalition talks — such as Mr. Sapir, Information Minister Shimon Peres and Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz. Also there were Labour Party secretary-general Aharon Yadlin, Government whip Moshe Baram and Mapam secretary-general Meir Talmi.

This informal meeting was held in advance of today's joint session of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau, the Mapam "Ricuz" (inner leadership) and the Alignment Knesset faction.

It was resolved that Mr. Rabin will today outline his guidelines for coalition talks, and the meeting will then choose a negotiating team. Mr. Rabin made clear his intention of involving Mapam in the talks from the start.

Mr. Yadlin then last night met separately with NRP secretary Zvi Bernstein and ILP secretary Yitzhak Barkai. It was agreed that coalition talks would begin after Mr. Rabin's meeting on guidelines for his negotiations.

Both Labour and NRP sources firmly denied an earlier report that the Labour Party had already reached an understanding with NRP's Interior Minister Yosef Burg that he would be awarded the deputy premiership in the Rabin Cabinet. The NRP sources cautioned against believing that Dr. Burg could still deliver the NRP en bloc

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Kissinger in Geneva

Gromyko to Syria ahead of Dr. K.

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko is expected to fly into Damascus within the next two days for talks with President Hafez Assad on a Syrian-Israel military disengagement, according to Beirut's usually well-informed "An-Nahar." The newspaper said that Gromyko's arrival in the Syrian capital would precede a similar visit later in the week to Damascus by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who flew from Washington to Geneva yesterday and immediately started conferring with his Soviet counterpart.

Gromyko was expected to report to the Syrian leaders on the talks he is conducting with Dr. Kissinger in Geneva on the issue of disengagement along the Golan front.

Dr. Kissinger is expected to fly later today to Algeria on the second leg of his latest and probably most crucial Middle East shuttling diplomacy, the main aim being a troop separation between Syria and Israel. The Secretary is due to arrive in Egypt tomorrow for talks with President Anwar Sadat who had set the achievement of a Syrian-Israel military disengagement as a precondition for Cairo's participation in the next phases of the Geneva conference and further talks with Israel.

Kissinger will go to Damascus on Wednesday and will be in Jerusalem on Thursday. Previous reports said he is likely to make shuttling visits between Damascus and Jerusalem for well over a week.

Gromyko in Geneva. (AP)

Dr. Kissinger's talks in Geneva with Gromyko mark Moscow's comeback to the Middle East arena after the Egyptians played down the Soviet role in negotiating their own disengagement with Israel earlier this year exclusively through Dr. Kissinger. The Soviet return to the picture has been brought about

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Sadat threatens war if Israel won't withdraw

WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in an interview televised yesterday that if Israel refused to withdraw from "occupied territories" when the peace talks are resumed in Geneva "this will mean war." However, "we intend to have peace, and I have proved this."

Sadat said that Egypt would go to Geneva after disengagement had been achieved on the Golan front.

The Egyptian leader made his comments in an interview pre-recorded in Alexandria for the American Broadcasting Company's "Issues and Answers" programme.

Sadat said if the Israelis returned to their "arrogance and their theories of taking the land of others under the pretext of security" there would be another war.

Questioned about Egypt's ties with the U.S. and the cooling of its relations with the Soviet Union, Sadat said he wanted to have what he called a balanced relationship with the two super-powers and was taking into account the fact that the U.S. had the best chance of achieving peace in the region.

He said a turning point in the area had been reached, and discounted a suggestion that he might be placing too great a reliance personally on Secretary of State Kissinger and President Nixon.

He described his relations with Moscow as very strained because of his moves towards the U.S.

Sadat described Nixon's proposal to provide $250m. worth of economic aid to his country as "a very humble aid," but said he would receive it with great thanks and gratitude.

He would welcome American arms and had "lots" of arms items in mind, specifically mentioning advanced anti-tank missiles and television-guided bombs, which he said were used by Israel in the October War.

Sadat was confident that Dr. Kissinger would achieve a disengagement on the Golan front in his new round of shuttle diplomacy in the Middle East. He described the Secretary of State as "a man of miracles."

Sadat said that he and Dr. Kissinger had established a deep personal friendship, and indicated that they had discussed a wide range of world issues, as well as Middle East problems during their meetings.

The Egyptian leader said he believed there would be no obstacle to Israeli withdrawal from Sinai in a peace settlement and reiterated the Arab stand that Israel should leave "occupied territories" in Sinai, the West Bank of the Jordan and the Golan Heights.

He described his relations with Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi as very strained. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Libya calls for probe of attack on Cairo academy

TRIPOLI (Reuter).— Libya yesterday asked the Arab League secretary-general to form a committee of inquiry into Libya's alleged involvement in the attack on a military academy in Cairo earlier this month, Arna News Agency reported.

Arna, the official Libyan news agency, quoted a foreign ministry statement as saying that the Arab League had also been asked to take evidence from the alleged ringleader of the attacks, Saleh Sariya, "without recourse to threats and coercion procedures used by other authorities."

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MITCHELL, STANS ACQUITTED

[NE]W YORK. — The two former [Ca]binet members, John Mitchell and [Ma]urice Stans, were acquitted yes[ter]day of all charges of conspiracy, [obs]truction of justice and perjury [in] connection with their role in the [Nix]on re-election campaign.

[The] jury returned its verdict after [...] hours of deliberations.

[M]r. Stans covered his eyes and [seem]ed momentarily to weep when [he] heard the foreman of the jury [clea]r him of all charges. Mr. Mit[chel]l smiled broadly and was hug[ged] by his lawyer, Peter Fleming.

[T]he trial of Mitchell, former At[torn]ey-General, and former Com[mer]ce Secretary Stans, had lasted [...]t weeks.

[T]he two were accused of promi[sing] financier Robert Vesco assist[anc]e in a Securities and Exchange [Co]mmission investigation into his [aff]airs in exchange for a secret [$20]0,000 contribution to President [Nix]on's 1972 re-election campaign. [Bo]th men denied the charges.

Mitchell, 60, and Stans, 66, had [fac]ed 15 counts of perjury, conspi[rac]y and obstruction of justice.

"I've been reborn," Stans exclaim[ed]. "I was innocent all along — [bu]t it's good to have it recon[firm]ed."

Mitchell was asked whether he [ha]d expected to be exonerated. "Why, of course," "We've got the jury system and that always works."

After the verdict Mitchell and Stans went out to the front steps of the courthouse for a broadcast news conference, where a crowd of about 150 had gathered.

There were both cheers and boos and shouts of "God bless America" and "Fascist pig."

Stans said in answer to a question: "As far as I know, the President never had any information or knowledge of the Vesco contribution or any other contribution. He did not know who the contributors were until after the election."

Mitchell was asked about his immediate plans and replied: "You're getting a little personal, aren't you? I think I'll retire to a nice secluded place and buy myself a drink."

The decision by the jury — nine men and three woman — came after a trial that lasted 10 weeks.

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JOHN MITCHELL

MAURICE STANS

ISRAEL'S OWN 'NOBEL PRIZE'

Mysterious donors of $10m. fund

Jerusalem Post Reporter

[Is]rael will have its own Nobel [Pri]ze foundation, but the mysterious [phil]anthropists who are financing [the] fund don't want their identi[ty] to leak out.

[Th]e Cabinet yesterday approved [a b]ill for tabling in the Knesset [to e]stablish the "Wolf Foundation" [wit]h donations totalling $10m. to [awa]rd prizes for oustanding contri[buti]ons in the field of art, science [and] the promotion of peace and un[der]standing between peoples.

[P]resident Ephraim Katzir is in[volv]ed in the conception of the [priz]e award fund and will play some role in its future direction, it is understood. Prizes will be awarded to personalities from all over the world.

The persons who are giving the $10m., according to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir who brought the matter up in the Cabinet, have stipulated that their names be withheld. However, it is not likely that this can be kept a secret from the Knesset Finance Committee, although it may be sworn to secrecy.

The fund will not be taxable, since it is a non-profit-making institution, and contributions to the fund will draw certain income tax concessions. The fund would appear to be financed by persons or corporations which earn foreign currency but which pay local taxes.

The headquarters of the Wolf Foundation will be in this country, and a board of trustees will be formed here, under the law.

The only other comparable institution for which a special Knesset Law was enacted is the Van Leer Foundation. Many other philanthropies exist which are approved for income tax deduction purposes, but donations to them can only qualify for the deductions up to a certain sum, under the regulations.

It was not clear whether political or personal considerations lie behind the benefactors' insistence on anonymity.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: Upper ridge over the East Mediterranean is causing a slight rise in temperatures over our region.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	42	9—20	11—22
Golan	—	7—16	8—19
Nahariya	63	11—21	12—22
Safad	70	7—19	9—21
Haifa	60	13—20	14—62
Tiberias	54	13—27	14—28
Nazareth	—	11 —	— —
Afula	48	9—23	10—25
Shomron	59	10—19	10—21
Tel Aviv	64	14—21	12—22
Lod	49	12—23	10—25
Jericho	37	16—28	14—29
Gaza	66	13—22	13—23
Beersheba	42	10—34	11—36
Eilat	13	16—32	18—33
Tiran	27	— 32	20—32

Social and Personal

The President and Mrs. Ephraim Katzir gave a dinner party last night in honour of the President-elect of Guatemala and Mrs. Eugenio Kjell Laugerud. The guests included Premier Golda Meir, Foreign Minister and Mrs. Abba Eban, Guatemala's Ambassador and Mrs. C.M. Pellecer, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Evron of the Foreign Ministry and Mr. and Mrs. Ya'acov Tsur.

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Health Minister Victor Shemtov will represent Israel at the state funeral in Vienna today of the late President of Austria, Franz Jonas.

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The chief of the Russian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, Archimandrite Anthony Grabbe, held a reception at the mission in the Old City yesterday on the occasion of the Feast of Easter.

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The President and the Executive Chairman of World Wizo, Mmes Raya Jagiom and Aya Dinstein, gave a cocktail party yesterday in honour of Baron and Baroness Guy de Rothschild and Baron and Baroness Edmond de Rothschild. Among those present were Cabinet Ministers, the Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, the Mayor of Tel Aviv, the head of the Kfar Yassif Local Council, and members of the banking community.

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Avraham ("Buma") Shavit will serve as acting president of the Manufacturers Association in the absence abroad of Mr. Mark Mosevics.

DEPARTURES

Rabbi L. I. Rabinowitz, former Chief Rabbi in Johannesburg now residing in Jerusalem, on a mission to South Africa.

Bolivian Minister arrives today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bolivian Foreign Minister, Gen. Alberto Guzman Soriano, will arrive at noon today for a five-day official visit, which is in return for Foreign Minister Abba Eban's visit to Bolivia last August. Eban will welcome Gen. Soriano at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Relations between Bolivia and Israel are exceptionally friendly and the two countries are linked by several technical, agricultural and cultural cooperation agreements. Bolivia has a total Jewish population of about 2,000.

Eban hits U.S. vote in Security Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Cabinet yesterday American support of the UN Security Council vote condemning Israel by no means reflected the entire range of U.S.-Israel relations. But there was no doubt its moral and political implications were grave.

Mr. Eban said that in the past the U.S. had voted in the Council against resolutions which were far less harmful to Israel.

He said the U.S. delegate supported the resolution although it had drawn criticism from world opinion and although the other sponsor states had dissociated themselves from it.

Mr. Eban suggested how the U.S. Council vote might fit into the general pattern of Washington's current Middle East policy, in the light of the oil embargo, and the present tour of Secretary Henry Kissinger.

The Cabinet is due to meet again tomorrow afternoon in an extraordinary session to prepare for Dr. Kissinger's arrival in Israel on Thursday to discuss disengagement in the north with Syria.

Cabinet approves appointments

Housing gets new director; J'lem Representative named

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet approved at its meeting yesterday the appointments of Rafael Levy as District Representative of Jerusalem, and of David Weinschal as director-general of the Housing Ministry.

Jerusalem-born Rafael Levy, 50, has served as acting District Representative of Jerusalem since October, 1969. In that capacity, he has also served as chairman of the District Planning Commission. He had been appointed deputy District Representative only four months earlier, but had served as District Officer (Arab Affairs) from 1950 to 1969.

Mr. Levy was a member of the *Hagana* prior to 1948, and worked as a senior clerk in the British Mandatory Government. During the War of Independence he enlisted in the army and served in an intelligence unit until 1950.

David Weinschal, 39, also born in Jerusalem, worked as a switchboard technician in the Communications Ministry for two years after completing his army service in 1957. After earning his B.A. degree from the Hebrew University (economics) in 1960, he joined the Budgets Department of the Finance Ministry, becoming assistant director of the department in 1971. From 1967 to 1969 he studied at The Hague, in Holland, obtaining an M.S.S. degree. As a senior official of the Finance Ministry, Mr. Weinschal has served on the boards of directors of several Government-controlled companies, including Shikun U'fituah, Amidar and Israel Shipyards.

Homer Gudelsky, of Silver Spring, Maryland (right), receives an explanation from Professor Richard I. Mateles, head of the newly dedicated Fermentation Research Laboratory Building at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. The laboratory was built in memory of Mr. Gudelsky's parents. Flanking Prof. Mateles are Mrs. Gudelsky (left) and Mrs. Mateles.

Fermentation vs. petroleum: research unit at Hebrew U.

With the drastic changes in the supply and prices of petroleum during the last year, there has been a surge of interest through the world in considering fermentation as a means of producing many chemicals and solvents now produced through petrochemistry, Prof. Richard I. Mateles, Hebrew University Professor of Applied Microbiology, and head of its Fermentation Unit, said last week.

He was speaking at the University's dedication of its Fermentation Research Laboratory Building in memory of Ida and Abraham Gudelsky. The new facility, located near the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Ein Karem, is Israel's first and only fermentation development unit and will greatly advance the progress of the fermentation industry in the country.

The laboratory, with a staff of 11 persons, is engaged in research and development of fermentation processes which include antibiotics, enzymes, steroids, fodder yeast, and utilization of mash materials such as cheese whey and citrus peel juice.

LABOUR COALITION

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as his predecessor, the late Haim Moshe Shapiro, could have done.

Mr. Bernstein, who belongs to Dr. Burg's Lamifne faction, last night told this reporter that his party had two conditions to put to the Labour Party: satisfaction on the 'Who is a Jew' issue, and the formation of a national coalition with the Likud. Mr. Bernstein reported the close ties between the party leadership and chief Rabbi Goren with whom they have managed to restore the good relations that were impaired when the NRP ignored his veto in joining the outgoing Cabinet.

Mr. Bernstein pointed to the likelihood of the NRP staying outside the coalition if the conditions, and above all, the first one, were not met.

Other NRP sources indicated last night that Rabbi Goren has hardened his stand regarding an acceptable formula for codifying the Orthodox conversion into the Law of Return. They said his previous compromise formula "as customary from generation to generation" (spelled out to *The Post* last week by NRP Knesset whip 'Avraham Melamed, another Burg supporter) was now regarded by Rabbi Goren as too weak.

The ILP, for this part, is adamant in not agreeing to give any ground to the NRP, as is the Civil Rights Movement, a new coalition possibility. ILP's Minister Without Portfolio Gideon Hausner last night spoke of the need for a government enjoying a stable parliamentary majority. He spelled out his party's objections to serving in a minority government.

On the other hand, the apparent willingness of the CRM to join Mr. Rabin's cabinet, if approached, was made known by CRM secretary Ram Ron. He dwelt on the need of replacing the incumbent government. However, Mr. Ron stressed that the final decision would await the return from abroad by the weekend of party leader Shulamit Aloni.

Labour sources said they will also approach the Aguda bloc, but are pessimistic about it joining any coalition.

The options apparently open to Mr. Rabin are: reconstituting the present coalition (Alignment — 54, NRP — 10 and ILP — 4 for a total of 68) or a broader coalition comprising, the Alignment — 54, the NRP — 10, the ILP — 4 and the CRM — 3 (71). Then the Alignment could form a narrow coalition minus the NRP with its own 54 MKs, the ILP — 4, and CRM — 3, giving it 61 votes, in the hope that the NRP would join later on.

Some Labour sources even speculated that Mr. Rabin would form a minority government comprising the Alignment's 54 seats, only trusting in winning other factions' votes on *ad hoc* issues, and declaring itself a caretaker government until new elections be held in the autumn.

The Labour Party yesterday set in motion preparations for internal elections, with the Leadership Bureau's secretariat asking Organization Department head Yosef Rika to prepare a membership campaign committee and have the party's constitutional committee start studying electoral systems.

With elections, both internal and national, in view, the Labour Party intends producing a new team in contrast to the elderly leadership of the Likud, party sources said last night.

They expected that there would be few survivors from the pre-Yom Kippur cabinet in the Rabin government. Mr. Galili is expected to step down together with Mrs. Meir, Mr. Dayan and Mr. Gvati, with the positions of Mr. Allon and Mr. Eban still unclear. The latter's bad relations with Mr. Rabin would make it difficult for them to cooperate, while Mr. Allon is said not to view with pleasure the idea of serving under his old deputy from the Palmah days.

The main survivor from that Cabinet team is seen as Finance Minister Sapir who is expected to remain in office.

With Mr. Peres a close second to Mr. Rabin in the Labour Party vote, he is expected to get a senior Cabinet post, probably the Defence portfolio, with some sources mentioning Foreign Affairs if Mr. Eban does not serve.

Mr. Aharon Yariv, who is close to Mr. Rabin, could be expected to move from Transport to Information and possibly assume the advisory role now held by Mr. Galili with Premier Meir. Aharon Uzan, the Moshav Movement leader, would be expected to move from Communications to Agriculture.

Mapai is expected to provide at least three new ministers — Aharon Yadlin, Moshe Baram and Avraham Ofer — while Ahdut Ha'avoda is talking of Moshe Carmel, MK, and Kibbutz Hamenhad secretary Daniel Rosolio as their new faces in the Cabinet.

The Rafi wing will have to produce a replacement, and the most likely newcomer would be Yitzhak Navon, who might take the Education portfolio if Mr. Allon pulls out. However, Mr. Navon might expect sharp competition inside Rafi from Gad Yaacobi, MK, and Mordechai Ben-Porat, MK.

Funerals held of Golan victims

Jerusalem Post Staff

The funerals were held yesterday of seven of the 14 soldiers killed in the Golan Heights Saturday. Four were buried in Kiryat Shaul, one in Hod Hasharon, one in Tiberias and one in Yokneam.

The remaining seven, including the six who died in the crash of a rescue helicopter, will be buried today.

Interred in Kiryat Shaul yesterday were Segen-Mishne Avi Steinberger, 21, of Givatayim; Samal Menahem Shulman, 20, of Tel Aviv; Turai Ya'acov Sadi, 20, of Yahud; and Turai Uri Shemesh, 19, of Ramat Gan. The funeral of Turai Nino Ben-Shimon, 20, of Hod Hasharon, took place in the regional cemetery at Ramat Hashavim. Rav-Turai Michael Reifer, 21, of Yokneam, was buried in his home village, where a large number of the residents took part in the funeral. Turai Daniel Daniel, 19, of Tiberias, was buried in his home town. All seven were buried with military honours.

The funerals will take place today of Rav-Seren Dr. Ahikam Avni, 32, of Tel Hashomer; Seren Levi Golan, 28, of Petah Tikva; Segen Amir Amit, 23, of Ekron; Samal-Rishon Yaacov Roll, 22, of Petah Tikva; Samal Yaacov Bernheim, 23, of Tel Aviv; Samal Meir Rosenstrauch, 23, of Ramat Gan; and Rav-Turai Avishai Rahamim, 21, of Jerusalem.

Security forces blow up 3 houses

JENIN. — Security forces yesterday blew up the houses of three security suspects in the village of Fakkua, 12 kms. north of here, Army sources disclosed yesterday.

Mohammed Ahmed Abdallah, Walid Mustafa Fa'id and Mohammed Yasser Mustafa, all aged between 20 and 25, were arrested shortly after a bomb carried by two Arab youths exploded in their hands.

9 held for rioting at Druse festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Nine Galilee villagers from M'rar, Ramel, Peki'in and Yerka were yesterday remanded from four to seven days by a local magistrate on suspicion of having caused a riot during the Druse Nebi Shu'eib festival at Jethro's Tomb near here last week.

The violence occurred when community leaders refused to hand over the speakers' platform to a number of young Druse who wanted to voice their objection to compulsory military service. A number of policemen were reportedly injured when they tried to restore order.

Peres wants two parties but admits it isn't easy

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel should move towards a two-party system, Information Minister Shimon Peres said in Jerusalem last night.

He told a meeting of Labour's "Ben-Gurion Ideological Circle": "The time has come to do away with factionalism within the Labour Party and declare it an open organization to all who agree with its aims. There is room in the party for all shades of opinion. I look forward to the day when we will have only two parties — the Labour Party and another party which would represent the centre and the right."

Mr. Peres admitted this was not easy. He recalled David Ben-Gurion's lament about the Jewish people's traditional difficulty in accepting the organizational self-discipline necessary to maintain an orderly political system consisting of two or three parties.

"Ben-Gurion the realist always insisted Judaism was a belief rather than a religion," Mr. Peres stated. "What he meant was that Judaism, unlike Christianity, Mohammedanism or Buddhism, has no hierarchy ... ours is strictly a man-to-God relationship. Well, that spirit carries over to the political realm, too. The absence of a formal structure in our faith is reflected in the chaos that exists in our internal politics."

Security Committee

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privately about a matter whose bearing on national security was not immediately obvious.

The committee was born amid disagreement because the three Ministers on a special sub-committee which was formed to suggest the size and composition could not agree among themselves. The issue was referred back to the full Cabinet.

One of the sub-committee, at least, had demanded that the Ministerial Security Committee be smaller.

Coalition and inter-party calculations seemed to be an important factor in the forming of the committee.

While the legendary kitchen Cabinet appears to be the core of the Committee, it also includes one man each from the NRP, ILP and Mapam, with ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda strongly represented by two Ministers, to ex-Rafi's one.

It has two former Chiefs of Staff (Bar-Lev and Rabin) but not the most recent IDF graduate (Yariv—former intelligence chief). It has neither the Finance Minister (Sapir), who might have been expected to exert much influence on the financial aspects of security policy; nor the Justice Minister (Zadok), who might be needed to advise on legal implications; nor the Information Minister (Peres), who might have to go on to explain actions and policies which he had no part in forming.

The full Cabinet will still be constituted as a Ministerial Security Committee from time to time — when major decisions need to be taken, or matters kept secret for another reason.

Apart from this committee, the Cabinet has an *ad hoc* body, headed by Justice Minister Haim Zadok, which is drafting a proposal for the definition and separation of functions between the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Staff. This too is a result of proposals of the Agranat Commission.

TWO KILLED ON ROAD

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 20-year-old American volunteer was one of two persons killed in road accidents Saturday night and yesterday.

Carol Lerner, of California, was boarding a pick-up truck near Kibbutz Haon, where she worked as a volunteer, when her foot apparently got caught in the tailgate. As the vehicle moved forward she fell, knocking her head on the road. She died later of her injuries.

A motor-scooter rider, Rahamim Cohen, 24, of Tel Aviv, was fatally injured on Saturday night on Rehov Hayarkon, when he came into collision with a car driven by a resident of Eshtaol. He died shortly after being admitted to Ichilov Hospital. The car driver has been detained for questioning.

Man killed by rigged motorbike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Bat Yam resident Moshe Zafadia, 28, was killed yesterday afternoon by the explosion of a hand-grenade which had been rigged to his motorbike.

The grenade, an Israel-made fragmentation type, had been attached to the vehicle between the wheel and bumper, with the safety pin removed. It exploded when Zafadia started the motorbike, which was parked at 28 Rehov Sokolow. Zafadia died en route to Donolo Hospital.

The police are investigating the possibility that the booby-trap was an act of score settling, resulting from a family feud, rather than a terrorist act, according to Sgan-Nitzav Yigael Marcus, acting spokesman of the Tel Aviv police.

Thousands march down Fifth Avenue for Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK (JTA). — Tens of thousands of Jews from the New York Metropolitan area yesterday showed their support for Soviet Jews seeking emigration by marching down Fifth Avenue in the annual Solidarity Day Freedom March.

Many of the marchers sang in Hebrew and shouted slogans reminiscent of the civil rights marches of the 1960s — "freedom now," and "one, two, thee, four, open up the iron door; five, six, seven, eight, let my people immigrate." There were also signs urging freedom for Syrian and Iraqi Jews.

Solidarity Day was sponsored by the 79 constituents of the Greater New York Conference of Soviet Jewry.

Among the marchers were 40 prominent Jewish and Christian clergymen representing Soviet prisoners of conscience: Academicians in caps and gowns showing support for their beleaguered colleagues in the USSR, youths in prison garb and a huge float depicting a Soviet labour camp tower.

The march ended at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the UN where Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) declared that "thousands of brave people in the Soviet Union are depending on us" to use the U.S.'s "leverage to bargain hard for progress toward the free movement of people between East and West."

Jackson scored the Nixon administration's opposition to the amendment which would bar U.S. trade benefits and credits to the Soviet Union unless it relaxes its emigration restrictions. "Quiet diplomacy slides all too easily into silent diplomacy," he said. "The truth is that it took the introduction of our amendment to put this issue on the White House agenda with the Soviet Union — and it will take passage of our amendment to keep it there."

Commissioner Nir

Prisoners who escaped had outside help

Two Arabs who escaped to Beirut last month from Ramle Prison had outside help, Prison Commissioner Arye Nir said yesterday.

Addressing the Knesset Interior Committee, Mr. Nir said a constant contact had been maintained between the prisoners and outside sources, and the gun they used for the break-out was smuggled into the prison in parts.

He said the liberal treatment in Israeli prisons made escape easier, but added such treatment would continue despite the escape. The two men were in detention for security reasons.

Police investigation into the matter was continuing, the Commissioner said.

'Little S. American aliya'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — There is little inclination among Latin American Jews to immigrate to Israel — both because of the good economic conditions in their countries and because of Israel's post-Yom Kippur war internal problems.

This was stated here yesterday by the chairman of the Organization of Latin American Immigrants in Israel, Geula Havkin. She was speaking to newsmen prior to the opening of the organization's 12th national convention later last night.

She attributed the lack of "push" for aliya in Latin America to the general economic stability in most countries, the growing alienation of Jewish youth, and mixed marriages. Letters from relatives already in Israel, plus the internal political squabbles in this country — widely covered in the Latin American press — do not help, she said.

However, those immigrants who do come here are relatively satisfied — only about seven to eight per cent go back, Mrs. Havkin said. Some 350 delegates from 29 branches of the organization throughout the country are attending the convention, which will demand a greater say in governmental and Jewish Agency policy on aliya from Latin America.

Comptroller's Report

The State Comptroller, Dr. I. E. Nebenzahl, yesterday submitted his annual report to President Ephraim Katzir.

The report, the 24th since the establishment of the State, is to be tabled in the Knesset today, and will be published tomorrow.

1,100 new flats approved for Kiryat Shmona

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told the Cabinet yesterday the Treasury has approved funds for the construction of 1,100 flats in Kiryat Shmona in the three fiscal years 1975-78. This was in addition to the 30 flats now under construction in the Upper Galilee township and the 250 to be started during the current budgetary year, he said.

Mr. Sapir said some 1,300 families there have been living in substandard or overcrowded flats.

Some 900 flats would be renovated or enlarged in the next four years, the Finance Minister said. The "standing loan" for young couples would be increased from IL10,000 to IL15,000, he said, and every flat would eventually get its own attached shelter or reinforced "security room."

El Al testing check-in system

B.-G. AIRPORT. — Passengers on El Al's daily direct flight to New York can now check in at the company's Tel Aviv terminal in Rehov Ben Yehuda the night before their flight.

The new system, which was introduced on Saturday night and will continue on a trial basis until the end of May, is designed to reduce the boarding time of passengers on this flight, which leaves at 8 a.m. every day. Passengers can now check in their baggage and receive their seat numbers between 7 p.m. and midnight the evening before their flight, and will only have to complete customs and immigration formalities at the airport itself.

Itim reports that if the new system proves itself, it will become a permanent feature.

PUBLIC WARNED ON PHONE IMPOSTER

The Communications Ministry spokesman last night appealed to residents of Bnei Brak and Tel Aviv to be on the lookout for a man who during the past week called on homes in the area collecting money for "the installation of telephones."

The spokesman noted that phone installation fees can be paid directly only at post office branches. He asked that anyone encountering the man report him immediately to the nearest police station.

Panthers denounce luxury housing

TEL AVIV. — The Black Panthers staged a peaceful demonstration outside a high-rise apartment block in the north of this city yesterday.

They said they were protesting against the construction of luxury apartments while many of the country's less-privileged citizens lived in sub-standard housing.

The demonstration, which took place outside a block of luxury flats going up opposite the Soldiers' Welfare Association building in Sderot Pinkas, lasted about an hour and then dispersed quietly.

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New radar operating at Ben-Gurion airport

Project launched after near-miss of Premier's plane

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN GURION AIRPORT. — A new 150 km.-range radar installation, which has been operating around-the-clock here for the past month, has added a significant safety margin to Israel's international airport. It has also increased the handling capacity of the airport's three landing strips, as well as the holding capacity of the surrounding air space.

The IL6m. installation, built by the Elta company of Ashdod, incorporates most of the latest safety devices, Ya'acov Wachtel, assistant director of B-G Airport, told aviation correspondents here yesterday.

An Israeli innovation is an MTI (Moving Target Indicator) which singles out aircraft but ignores ground and other signal interference. Echoes bounced back by the Judean Hills into airport radar receivers were one of the principal technical obstacles overcome by Elta company engineers.

Other innovations include unique altitude and identification reception which, however, require parallel transmitting and receiving equipment on homing-in aircraft. Not all the aircraft touching down at B-G Airport carry this instrumentation, the reporters were told.

The introduction of the radar control system does away with the old radio contact control systems, under which incoming pilots, estimating their location according to beacons situated along "traffic lanes," had their altitude, speed and other vital data charted by airport flight controllers. The new visual contact enables the flight controller to increase the frequency of take-off and departures and enables "stacking up" of aircraft if the runways are either temporarily out of commission or assigned to other aircraft.

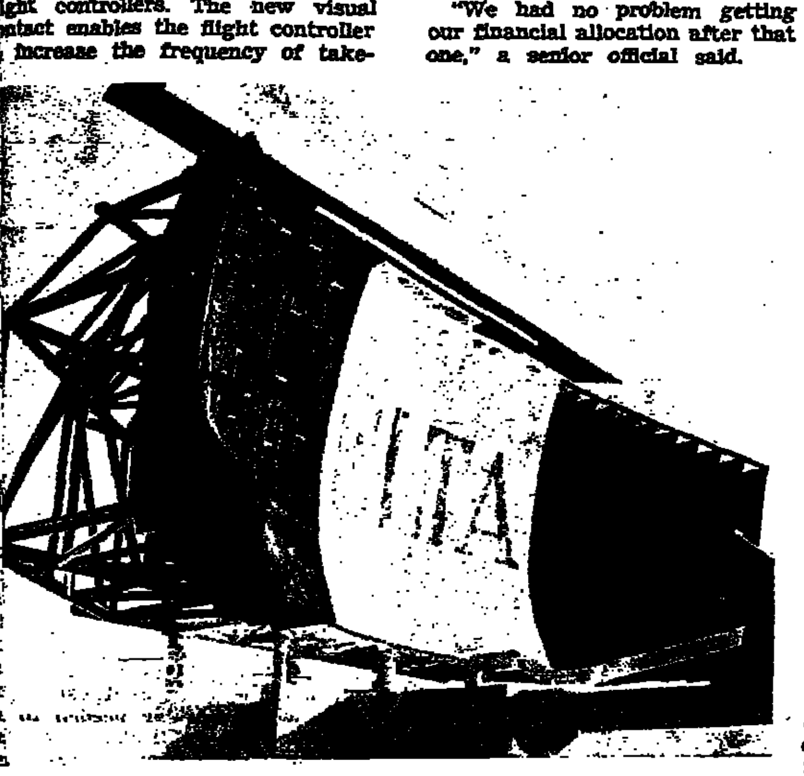
Elta's chief engineer, Nino Levy, told *The Post* that at least four Latin American countries are showing an active interest in the Elta installation. Apart from being among the most advanced of its kind anywhere, it is also cheaper by some 30 to 40 per cent than any comparable design.

Foreign-made components include super-imposable maps and daylight (televised) vision, eliminating the stress of dark-room monitoring of older-style radar screens. The Elta set includes a "holding" device which can memorize the location of aircraft for several minutes.

While we were watching the radar in operation at B-G yesterday, about 30 aircraft, military and civilian, were up in the skies over Israel, including one at the westernmost edge of the screen, about to be "handed over" to Cyprus air space control, the next phase on the conventional Tel Aviv-Nicosia-Rhodes leg. This is one of three westbound air lanes out of Israel.

It is understood that the final decision to install the radar here was taken only about three years ago after an El Al jetliner, carrying Prime Minister Golda Meir on a state visit to the U.S., reported a near-miss with an army plane which was flying at the same altitude and on a collision course with the El Al plane.

"We had no problem getting our financial allocation after that one," a senior official said.



...t of the new radar system at B-G airport.

Government funding for Arad Chemicals

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday approved a proposal by Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev for temporary Government funding of the Arad Chemical Company. The plan calls for a IL6m. grant for current operating expenses plus Government guarantees for IL5.25m. in loans the company could obtain from other sources.

In another action, the committee asked Finance Minister Sapir, Justice Minister Zadok and Bank of Israel Governor Sanbar to study the advisability of a change in the law requiring issuance of a special report by the Governor each time the country's means-of-payment rises by more than 15 per cent in a 12-month period.

Mr. Sapir is known to favour such a change. He believes that in view of the worldwide inflationary trend, a 15 per cent rise in Israel's means-of-payment is no longer a spectacular development, and frequent reporting of such a rise only serves to sow panic.

Admiring the exhibits at the Ramat Gan Flower Show. (IPPA)

Jerusalem widening road to Anatot industrial zone

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The widening of the Shuafat-Anatot road from four to 12 metres was approved last night by the Jerusalem Municipal Council sitting as the Local Planning Commission.

The stretch approved lies within the municipal boundaries. Widening beyond the boundary is expected to be approved by the Military Government in Judea. The road will serve as a link to the industrial zone planned at Anatot and will eventually be part of an improved road to Jericho which will serve as an alternate to the existing road past the Mount of Olives. To the west, the road is to link with a road planned from Motza which will permit traffic from the coastal plain to reach the Anatot industrial area without entering the heart of the city.

The Council also approved the rezoning of some 60 dunams south of Rehov Stern in Kiryat Yovel as public open space. Before the Six Day War, the area had been zoned for industry. With the opening up of alternate industrial areas, the site has been redesignated for park purposes and for use by schools for agricultural training.

22 countries send exhibits

Flower show draws 40,000 in Ramat Gan

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The formal opening of the International Flower Show took place here last night, although the show has in fact been drawing crowds since Independence Day morning. It was due to have its official opening on the eve of the holiday, but the ceremony was postponed after other festivities were cancelled.

An estimated 40,000 people have already visited the flower displays at the National Park here. By the time the show closes, this Saturday, the organizers hope it will have attracted at least 200,000 visitors.

The originally scheduled opening on Succot was postponed by the outbreak of war. Many of the pavilions were already decorated with bright blooms and many more were expected to be flown in from abroad. The foreign shipments never did get here, and those flowers already in Ramat Gan were sent to wounded soldiers.

Now on display are flowers from all 22 countries originally scheduled to take part in October.

The national park's own rose garden has become part of the flower show and chief among its attractions are new, entirely Israeli, varieties of roses. Another attraction is a pavillion devoted to Israeli export flowers. Probably the most colourful and fantastic of all displays, however, is a hot house full of exotic tropical plants. Multi-coloured Red Sea fish are also displayed.

Light entertainment bazaars and fashion shows are featured at night.

The show is expected to net an income of IL700,000. This still leaves the organizers with a IL50,000 deficit because of the losses incurred by the cancellation of the October show.

Meir heading Weizmann Centenary

Prime Minister Golda Meir is to be world chairman of the Weizmann Centenary (Dr. Chaim Weizmann was born on November 27, 1874).

This was announced by Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal, chancellor of the Weizmann Institute of Science and chairman of Yad Chaim Weizmann, prior to his departure from Rehovot for Europe and the U.S. on matters connected with preparations for the centenary programme.

Participating bodies on the central committee are the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, the World Zionist Organization, Yad Chaim Weizmann, the Weizmann Institute and the Hebrew University.

10 years for arson, assault

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A 24-year-old Gaza man was yesterday sentenced to 10 years by a military tribunal here for setting fire to a cinema and assaulting and robbing two policemen of their weapons. An accomplice received three years.

Prosecutor Segen Yaron Rabinowicz told the court that Saber Ibrahim el-Aloul had been fired from his job at the Nasr cinema house here. Bent on revenge, he borrowed a Karl Gustav submachine gun from the second defendant, Mohammed Ne'aman Abdul-Kader, 38, and broke into the cinema on November 5, 1972. He locked up the two watchmen and set fire to the building, causing some IL50,000 damage before the watchmen were rescued and the fire put out.

On December 1, 1972 el-Aloul and two other men beat up two local policemen and robbed them of their weapons. Abdul-Kader was entrusted with the care of the weapons, to be used in future robberies.

Both men, who were arrested last October, pleaded not guilty. The president of the court, Rav Seren Avigdor Mishali, said he could not find any mitigating circumstances in the case.

Electricity tax bill to be retabled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet decided yesterday to ask Knesset House Committee approval for lowering the Defence Stamp *(Bul Bitahon)* tax on electricity accounts, which the Government had withdrawn before the Passover recess.

Normally three months must elapse before a bill can be tabled again after it is withdrawn by the Government.

The original bill would have reduced the Defence Stamp on electricity accounts from 20 to 15 per cent; thus, despite the increase in the basic electricity rates, the customer would not have to pay a comparatively higher Defence Stamp fee.

Because of the technical absence of a coalition majority, the Likud opposition pushed through an amendment reducing the tax from 20 to 10 per cent. This would have meant an annual loss to the Treasury of IL18.5m. and the Government withdrew the bill. It will now retable the original draft.

Ports congestion surcharge to be lifted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The congestion surcharge at Haifa and Ashdod ports will be cancelled on Wednesday, the Joint Congestion Board decided yesterday. The surcharge, which has been in effect since January, has cost importers and exporters some IL15m. pounds.

The Board chairman, Captain Yohanan Cahan, said that although there is still some congestion in both ports, accounts showed that ship owners have already been fully compensated for all delays.

Meanwhile, the shipping companies have given notice of their intention to raise all freight rates on July 1, due to continuing rise of operation costs and harbour expenses. The rate of increase is to be negotiated between the companies and the Shippers Council.

Prototype displayed

'Radar cane' for blind developed

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A device invented by two 19-year-olds to help the blind "see" by radar was displayed yesterday at the commencement exercises of the Boys Town College of Applied Engineering in Jerusalem.

The experimental gadget, developed in nine months by graduates Haim Luria and Herzl Greenberg, consists of a power pack run by ordinary transistor batteries and strapped to the waist, and an antenna shaped like a walking stick. The inventors say no training is necessary to operate the radar cane.

A small button in the handle vibrates when the antenna picks up signals bounced off from the obstacle ahead — whether it is stationary or a speeding car — and the unit is effective to a range of up to 30 metres. Stray objects like a drifting piece of paper, or any other object that appears within the cane's "field of vision" for less than a second, is ignored by the instrument.

Boys Town emphasizes that the cane is still in the prototype phase, but they are considering the possibility of mass producing the unit at low cost.

Another of the eight projects exhibited by the College's 13 graduates was an electronic numerical control that transforms computer data into directions for a drill or lathe. There are similar devices on the market priced at IL30,000, but the Boys Town prototype cost just IL1,500.

Eliezer Shmueli, deputy director-general of the Education Ministry, told the 1,000 guests that it is the role of educators in Israel today to "crystallize that which is permanent rather than emphasize the passing sensations aroused during the war."

GOLD CROSSES and other sacred objects, stolen last week from the Russian Garden Chapel, north of Tiberias, were found by police in a nearby orchard yesterday. Police are still looking for the thieves.

(Left to right): Haifa University President Eliezer Rafaeli, Rector David Lapkin, and Board Chairman Nathan S. Ancell. (Tauber photos)

Haifa U. board meets

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Priority in admission to Haifa University will henceforth be given to discharged soldiers, young people from the Oriental communities and new immigrants, particularly from the Soviet Union. This policy was announced yesterday by Prof. David Lapkin, Rector of the University, speaking at a press conference marking the opening of the Board of Governors' three-day annual meeting.

Prof. Lapkin said that due to lack of space, no special efforts would be made to encourage student enrollment from abroad. "That should be the concern of national bodies, not the universities," he said. Due to lack of funds, "we are woefully behind in the construction of university facilities and students' dormitories," he added.

Mr. Eliezer Rafaeli was last night elected President of the University by the Board, after serving as Acting President.

Nathan S. Ancell, of the U.S., chairman of the 120-member Board of Governors, said the Board had on its agenda strengthening the university academically and financially and adjusting its work to the country's immediate needs. He said that overseas friends of the university had pledged about IL20m. in contributions. The Government covers 70 per cent of the operating costs.

Anyone want to play the Harlem Wizards?

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

...AVIV. — The Harlem Wizards, ... visiting American basketball ...d, yesterday challenged any two ...l combinations, including the ...nal team, to play them two ...ity matches in one evening, fol...ng the withdrawal of Tel Aviv ...abi from a scheduled game ...nst them.

...e challenge was laid down at ...ess conference after some local ...s writers criticized the quality ...lay of the Harlem squad. There ... differences of opinion among ... crowds who saw them play ...her they should provide serious ...etball or a basketball comedy .... The visitors are dazzling at ...ewing at a fat ten-inch long ...al Jamaican" cigar, the Har... Wizards' rotund Jewish mana... Howard Davis, who does not ... from excessive modesty, said, ... can lick the Russian and Yu...v national squads on the same ...ng.

"These are the best ball players in the United States. We are a great basketball team, but add a lot of entertainment to the game."

After Tel Aviv Maccabi saw the Harlem Wizards play their first games in Israel, they declined to take the court against them. The Harlem Wizards, led by the amazing "La-La" Lawrence, "super dunker" Vincent White, Tex Barwell, Larry Cheathaw and Tony Jackson, will put on an exhibition for wounded soldiers at Tel Hashomer Hospital at 10.30 this morning, in the presence of U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating. Tom Chapin, one of the visiting hoopsters who is also a professional guitarist, will play for the wounded.

At 8.30 p.m. at the Yad Eliahu stadium, the Belgian league selected will play against the Israel National team. The Belgians will play three games in Israel. The Harlem Wizards also challenged them to a game.

Golan reservoir

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jewish National Fund is to dig a new reservoir on the Golan Heights at Butemia and enlarge two existing ones near Kuneitra and Heital on the Heights. The projects will cost IL2 million. They will increase the capacity of reservoirs on the Golan by 6.8 million cubes of water.

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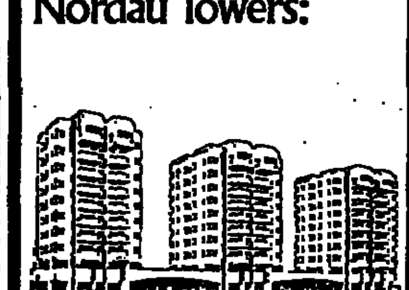
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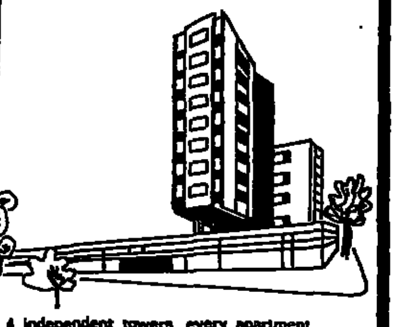
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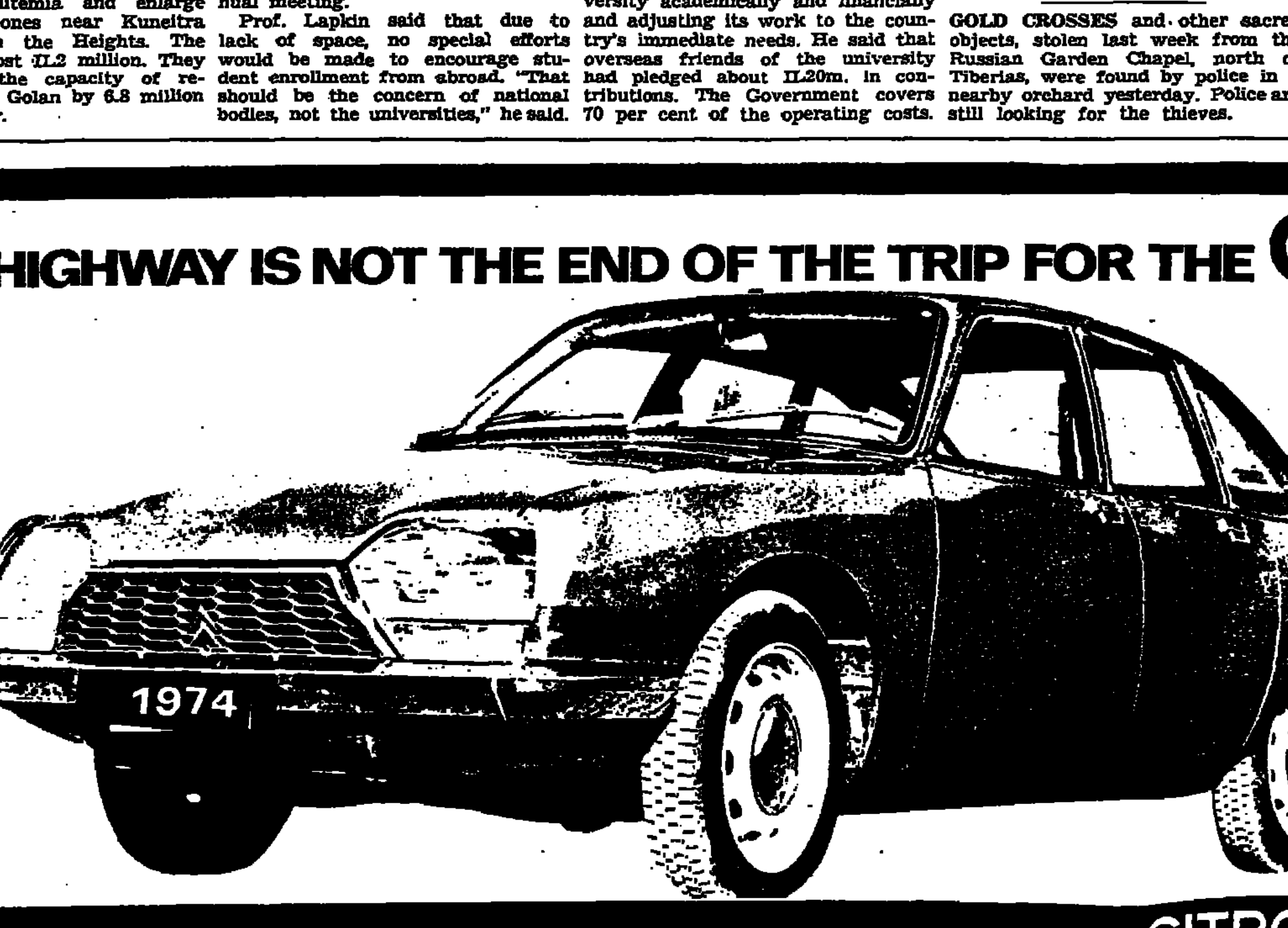

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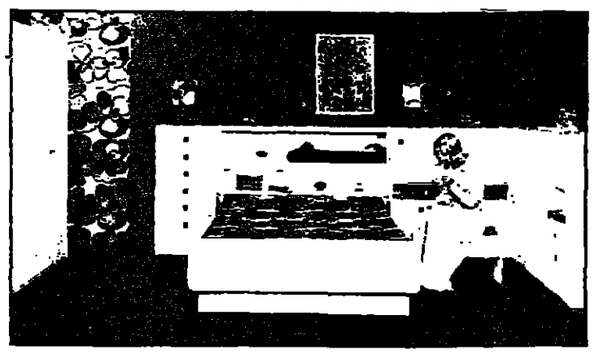

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EXILE RETURNS TO PORTUGAL AS A HERO

LISBON. — The Portuguese Socialist leader, Mario Soares, returned from exile yesterday and almost immediately saw General Antonio de Spinola, head of the ruling military junta which restored political freedoms after Thursday's lightning coup.

It was the first contact between the general and Dr. Soares, who came home determined to take a key role in shaping a democratic future for Portugal after nearly five decades of right-wing rule.

Dr. Soares, 49, went straight to General Spinola's Defence Ministry Headquarters from the railway station, where a crowd of 8,000 gave him a hero's welcome after an all-night journey from Paris. He lived for the last five years in enforced exile in France.

A military aide to General Spinola said that the two men spent nearly half an hour together. Some of the other members of the seven-man "Junta of National Salvation" were also present.

The aide said he understood it was in the nature of a courtesy visit by Dr. Soares to the man who had made his homecoming possible. He declined to give any details of what was discussed.

Dr. Soares indicated to reporters before the visit to General Spinola that he had not yet decided whether — if invited — he would join the provisional government that the junta promises to set up by the middle of next month as a prelude to Portugal's first free elections in half a century.

"That's the kind of decision that I cannot take without consulting with leaders of the Socialist Party here," Dr. Soares said. It was the socialist leadership here which called him back from exile.

He told reporters in reply to questions that Communists had a right, as full Portuguese citizens, to take a role in the promised provisional government if they wanted to. But he admitted he did not know what General Spinola might think about this.

Dr. Soares stepped off the train after his journey from Paris to deafening cheers and chants of "The people are happy — down with fascism." People waved bunches of red carnations, old men wept and young girls leant from balconies for a glimpse of the man who had spent much of his life in jail or exile and was now returning home an honoured hero.

Late in the afternoon troops fired about 200 shots into the air to disperse a mob trying to beat up a former security policeman in central Lisbon.

In Zambia, a spokesman for the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo) yesterday rejected De Spinola's idea of a federation between Portugal and its African territories. The spokesman told a political rally: "We are not fighting in Mozambique to become Portuguese of black skin. We are fighting in order to affirm and dignify our personality as Mozambicans."

A report from Pretoria says that South Africa yesterday recognized the military junta in Portugal.

In a broadcast on Friday, South African Prime Minister John Vorster said the changes in Lisbon would affect South Africa intimately, but he foresaw no immediate changes in the country's good relations with Portugal.

Reports from Mozambique and Angola said the two territories were quiet yesterday following the dismissal of the governors-general, who handed over to their secretaries as acting governors and to the military commanders. *(Reuter, AP, UPI)*

Police try to disperse rival fans who invaded the field and brought the abandonment of the Manchester City-Manchester United soccer match over the weekend. The game was played at Old Trafford in Manchester. (AP radiophoto)

'Gold rush' mood as work begins on clearing the Suez Canal

ISMAILIA (AP). — The Suez Canal Authority, which originally hoped to reopen the closed waterway in time for the first anniversary of the October war, now concedes that it will take at least 10 months to clear the canal of exxplosives and other obstacles.

Explosives from two wars, some 80 sunken vessels and other obstacles must be cleared, dredging must be done and navigation aids replaced before the waterway again is open to ships of 60,000 tons.

British and Egyptian forces began clearing Port Said Harbour at the northern end of the waterway in early April. The American helicopter carrier Iwo Jima and Navy divers arrived late in April to begin the task of sweeping the canal of mines.

A reopened canal would cut shipping time from Bombay to Lisbon by eight days by eliminating the round-Africa voyage, and would reactivate shipping facilities along the Red Sea and Indian Ocean coastlines.

To permit use by today's heavier supertankers would require both deepening and widening of the canal at enormous cost. Official estimates of what it will cost to revive the canal for even smaller vessels have risen from $7b. to $9b. The money has not been raised yet.

Millions of tons of imported concrete, thousands of tons of metal and lumber, electric generators, technical know-how and masses of equipment are still needed — and so is the cash to pay for them. Would-be investors are awaiting detailed plans, specifications and a list of priorities, as well as guarantees to protect their investment in case of renewed hostilities between Egypt and Israel.

There is an air of cautious optimism, but observers say it will be years before the area around the canal is renewed and many more before the average Egyptian reaps the benefits of peace and a reopened canal. Essential services — water, electricity and sewage — are restored in the major canal cities of Port Said, Suez and Ismailia. Rail service between Cairo, Suez and Ismailia has been restored. But it will take $50m. to rebuild the Ismailia-Port Said rail line, torn up for fortifications.

Expansive Egyptian plans to make hundreds of thousands of acres of the Sinai Desert bloom, to transform the marshlands around Port Said into a duty-free port to rival Hongkong, and to build tunnels under the canal will take five to six years at least.

At the end of April, eight weeks after the last Israeli soldier pulled off the canal, a visitor to Suez and Ismailia found no massive clean-up, demolition or rebuilding programmes under way, although a few individuals were patching up their shops.

Egyptians, who accepted Russian aid in the 1950s only after Washington declined to help build the Aswan High Dam, are hopeful the Americans will make a major financial commitment in addition to the "tens of millions" already promised to sweep the canal of explosives.

Western shipping accounted for 93 per cent of the 242 million tons of cargo which passed through the canal on 21,250 ships in 1966, its last full year of operation.

There is talk here that Western investment houses, or perhaps the World Bank, will raise several hundred million dollars for a "debt management fund" to get work started. Before the 1967 war, Egypt had a World Bank commitment on a programme to deepen the canal to 70 feet from its then 38 feet to permit loaded tankers of 250,000 tons to pass through. That didn't get off the ground.

Egyptians hope that the expected visit of U.S. President Richard Nixon this spring will be accompanied by some dramatic gesture — perhaps writing off of millions of dollars of debts owed Washington through the billion-dollar Food for Peace programme that ended when Cairo broke relations with Washington in 1967.

The Nixon government is meanwhile asking Congress to authorize about $250m. in economic aid to Egypt for the next fiscal year. Such assistance would include funds to help reopen the canal.

Egypt also is hoping for reconstruction aid from the Arab oil-producing states. But observers say cautious Arab investors are more interested in sure, relatively quick money-earners, such as a proposed billion dollar petrochemical plant to refine crude oil.

Once the canal is opened it is expected to earn at least a million dollars a day in revenue. Another million dollars a day would come from the Sinai oil fields now under Israeli administration.

Foreign investors are now protected against nationalization, confiscation or expropriation "except in the national interest." The phrase must go if investment is to come in, observers say.

In Cairo, there's a boom town atmosphere of free spending and expectation. Hotels and ministry waiting rooms are filled with neatly-dressed, briefcase-carrying businessmen eager for a piece of the action.

"It's a bit like the California gold rush — everyone is coming but no one has found any gold yet," observed one Common Market businessman.

Banned socialist was jailed 12 times

DR. MARIO SOARES, leader of Portugal's once-banned Democratic Socialists who has come back to his country from exile, had been living in Paris since 1969, following his defeat in National Assembly elections. Exile was not new to Soares: only a few months before the elections he had been allowed to return from exile imposed by Dictator Antonio Oliveira Salazar. Soon afterwards he was to go into exile again.

Soares, 49, has a long history of jail and controversy. He was best known as the lawyer for the family of General Umberto Delgado, the opposition leader who once ran for president and who was found slain in Spain on April 24, 1965.

While attempting to leave Portugal on business in 1967 Soares was refused permission and a few months later arrested and imprisoned. He was released March 1, 1968 and 18 days later rearrested and sent into exile on Sao Tome Island.

It was his 12th arrest in 23 years. His first came when he was 21, for taking part in an illegal workers' strike. From then on arrests, mostly on vague and unspecified charges, came with regularity.

In an interview in 1970, Soares outlined his thoughts on the Caetano regime and what he felt ought to be done in Portugal. They are surprisingly similar to what the military junta has declared as its aims.

The most important matter facing Portugal is the "colonial war on three fronts — Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea," he said then. "It is a hopeless war which an underdeveloped country like Portugal could never be able to sustain without foreign aid," he said.

"Should I come to power, I would at once enter into negotiations to stop the war. I recognize the principle of self-government and if those territories freely choose it, they should be independent." The military junta has not gone that far yet, however.

Soares said at the time that steps should also be taken to provide political liberty, to educate the masses and reduce illiteracy, and to provide economic development and agrarian reform. In these he is in general agreement with the new regime.

Ironically he was quite wrong on one point when he said: "I am hopeful for the future of Portugal, and I believe political changes will come from pressure within Portugal — popular pressure, not military." *(UPI)*

Pope beatifies founder of order caring for poor

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — Pope Paul VI yesterday beatified Maria Franziska Schervier, a 19th-century German nun who rebelled against her wealthy social-climbing father to devote her life to the poor and found the Order of the Poor of St. Francis. Beatification is the final step toward possible sainthood.

Born in Aachen on January 3, 1819, Sister Maria Franziska was the daughter of the vice mayor of the city, a wealthy industrialist. Hoping his daughter would enter the society of the Austrian Empire, her father tried to dissuade her interest in working among the poor.

After the death of her father, she took religious orders and received permission from the Archbishop of Cologne to establish a new order — the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis.

The order later spread to the U.S. and other European countries.

U.S. urged to be flexible in meeting Israel's needs

NEW YORK (JTA). — The "New York Times," in an editorial yesterday, expressed general approval of President Nixon's $5.18b. foreign aid package which includes substantial allocations for the Middle East, especially Egypt and Jordan. But certain elements of the package "deserve more sceptical scrutiny" from Congress, the editorial said, pointing out that "the economic aid to Israel is considerably less than had been requested, and both Congress and the executive branch would do well to stay flexible in meeting this country's longstanding interest in preserving Israel's economic and military strength."

The "Times" noted in this connection that "unlike the Arabs, Israel has no other major source of investment and economic aid."

"Times" columnist James Reston observed yesterday that "in the Middle East there is now a better chance for peace than there is likely to be in the foreseeable future."

"Times" correspondent C.L. Sulzberger, reporting from Suez, warned that "the dazzling success of U.S.-Egyptian policy during the past six months" could be reversed "unless diplomatic achievements are rapidly followed up by economic support."

According to Sulzberger, the risk lies in Congress' "shrinking interest in all aspects of foreign aid" and its "heritage of sympathy with and support for Israel." It is a certainty, Sulzberger said, "that Congress has no intention of helping Egypt if it is at the cost of commitments to the Jewish State."

Group changes 'but bias stays'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Senegal has replaced Somalia on a three-nation special committee to investigate "Israeli practices affecting human rights" in the administered territories. Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia are the other members.

The change appeared to be a routine shift of the seat from one African country to another. An Israeli spokesman said, "It makes no difference in the state of the committee, as none of the members have diplomatic relations with Israel and are accordingly biased."

Israel has alleged the committee is biased and has barred the committee from the territories ever since it was set up in September 1969.

Iraqi jets hit Kurds near Turkish border

ANKARA (Reuter). — Iraqi jet fighters violated Turkish air space three times yesterday during raids on Kurdish rebels in Northern Iraq, a senior Turkish official in the border area said.

He told Reuter that the Mig fighters were bombing so close to the frontier that fragments of shell were blasted into Turkey and farmers fled from the fields.

Iraqi air raids have intensified as a government armoured relief force pushes closer to the frontier town of Zahko, where the rebels are bombarding a 1,000-strong garrison.

Eye-witnesses at the Turkish border said that as the Iraqi Migs swooped low over the Habur River Valley yesterday they were raked with machinegun fire from the rebels.

The sound of heavy shelling was audible throughout the day, and border officials said it appeared the government relief force had now entered the white mountains less than 15 kilometres from Zakho.

The rebels, fighting for self-rule in mountainous North Iraq, have rejected Baghdad's latest terms for limited Kurdish autonomy. They are insisting on control of the oil-rich Kirkuk region.

Fighting escalated in north-west Iraq a week ago when the Kurds started shelling the Zahko garrison and another nearby government camp.

The government has sent a strong force of tanks and armoured cars to relieve the garrison and a border post on the Turkish frontier which the Kurdish Pesh Merga militia seized in March.

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through intensive talks between the Kremlin and the Syrian leadership and Moscow's subsequent supplies of new shipments of arms to Syria.

Despite Moscow's desperate attempts to counter American diplomacy in the area, Dr. Kissinger has said he expects the Russians to make positive efforts for the achievement of a troop separation between Syria and Israel. Both the U.S. and Russia were reported to be pressing for a cease-fire stabilization on the Golan front through joint commitments.

Dr. Kissinger is said to be aiming at creating an atmosphere which could help bring Syrian and Israeli representatives together to negotiate a troop separation along the lines of the Egyptian-Israel disengagement accord.

The Secretary of State has been further reported to have already laid down the groundwork for a possible compromise between the Damascus and Jerusalem viewpoints conveyed to Washington by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Syria's army intelligence chief, Brig. Hikmat Shehabi.

Kissinger was expected to discuss his compromise schemes today and tomorrow with Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Egyptian President Sadat, both of whom were in turn likely to dispatch special envoys to Damascus in order to press for some degree of Syrian flexibility. The Syrians on their part have been stressing that they would not budge from their demand for an Israel pullback behind Kuneitra under a military disengagement accord and a subsequent Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontier within the framework of U.N. Security Council resolution 242.

President Sadat was expected to touch on Kissinger's latest mission in a speech he is scheduled to deliver this evening. Cairo Radio said that the speech would be made during the swearing in ceremony of the new Egyptian cabinet which Sadat formed last Thursday night.

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Sadat says he was only expressing 'simple truths'

TOO BAD IF SOVIET IS ANNOYED

PARIS (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt said in an interview published yesterday that it was "too bad" if Soviet leaders were annoyed by his criticism of them.

He said Egypt's warmer relations with the U.S. resulted from Washington changing its policy toward Israel.

"Paris Match" magazine asked Sadat about recent remarks in which he accused the Russians of trying to prevent Egypt continuing the October war and of holding back promised arms supplies.

"Frankly," said Sadat, "I do not understand why the Russians have interpreted as criticism the simple truths I pronounced. My goal was to demonstrate that the two superpowers were in agreement to... prevent Egypt continuing the war. If I spoke of Russia, it is because it was still our friend with whom we had relations while we had no relations with America. If the Russians have demonstrated ill-humour over this, well, too bad."

Asked about Washington's return to favour in Cairo, Sadat said: "It is above all due to a change of attitude by the U.S., which has stopped aligning its position with Israel. This fact is new and of capital importance. Our good relations with the Nixon administration and especially with the indefatigable Henry Kissinger are the consequence rather than the cause."

Sadat said he thought the question of normalising relations with Israel was one for "the next generation." Future relations between Egypt and Israel "will depend first of all on Israel. It must drop the old pioneer conception of vital space, the desire to impose its will on its neighbours. As far as we are concerned, the question of returning to the 1967 frontiers are not for discussion. But I am ready to discuss security — a demilitarised zone, for instance, providing the zone is on both sides of the frontiers. Egypt too wants secure borders," Sadat said.

Asked why Egypt had given asylum, a pension, a palace and Egyptian nationality to King Idris of Libya, deposed by Gaddafi. Sadat said: "It was recognition of a debt. After our defeat in 1967, King Idris was very generous to Egypt when its funds were low. It is normal we should help him now."

On Syrian-Israeli disengagement of forces, Sadat said the Syrian and Egyptian physical situations were different at the front line. "Nothing will separate us from Syria, but the Syrian disengagement depends first of all on the leaders in Damascus. Don't forget that we are two distinct countries with two different governments," he said.

Asked about Gaddafi's criticism of Egypt's conduct of the October war, Sadat said: "Our goal was triple —to check the Israeli strategy of security founded on territory, to destroy the myth of Israeli invincibility and to quash the idea that the Arabs are incapable of unity. All these objectives were attained."

Asked about once-cool Egyptian-Saudi Arabian relations, Sadat said: "If they seem better than normal today, it is because there exists an old personal friendship between King Faisal and myself. This friendship has never been eclipsed, even at times when there have been clouds between our two countries."

Sadat said there had been errors since the 1952 revolution. "It is that which I wish to change — everything which today seems negative. And the freedom of the press seems to me one of the best ways to effect this goal. I believe if Nasser was alive, he would have done the same."

He said: "Our democratic life is normal — parliament plays its role, the law reigns, the press is free. As to new elections, that will depend on the circumstances, but... the Socialist Union will remain the only party."

Questioned about political prisoners, Sadat said: "Since May 1971, there has not been a single concentration camp in Egypt, nor any political prisoners."

Ford predicts Nixon will be cleared

TULSA, Oklahoma. — Vice-President Gerald Ford has predicted President Nixon will be completely exonerated of any guilt in the Watergate scandals and the effect of Watergate on Republican election chances in November will be negligible.

Speaking prior to a Republican fund-raising dinner at the Tulsa Fairgrounds Exposition Centre on Saturday, Ford said he expected the president to campaign during this year's Congressional elections. He said Nixon is still respected as President and as the leader of the Republican Party.

Ford said Watergate had definitely had an impact on the party's election prospects but the impact has been only short term.

In Washington, a crowd officially estimated between 8,000 and 10,000 staged a march and rally on the mall in front of the Capitol on Saturday to urge that Congress impeach and convict Nixon.

The crowd, mostly young and predominantly white, was orderly and good-humoured. They paid little attention when nine streakers — two of them young women and the rest men — dashed through their ranks midway in the programme of speeches.

One speaker, Representative Warren J. Mitchell, Democrat-Maryland, a member of a congressional black caucus, said, "The danger to America is that a dangerous, duplicitous, deceitful man is in the White House... we must get rid of him before he destroys this country."

A Gallup Poll published over the weekend says that more American voters approve of the way Congress is doing its job than approve of the way President Nixon is doing his. The President's "approval rating" was 25 per cent. (UPI, AP, Reuter)

Medvedev calls for debate by dissidents

MOSCOW (UPI). — Historian Roy Medvedev called for open debate among dissident intellectuals yesterday and said they would emerge stronger from a "clash of ideas."

Medvedev said he has come under attack for criticizing the views of author Alexander I. Solzhenitsyn and dissident physicist Andrei D. Sakharov. He said he was reproached on the grounds that the dissidents are too few in number and too harassed to permit the luxury of dissent among themselves.

But Medvedev said in a 4,500-word essay made available to Western newsmen yesterday that "truth arises only in the clash of ideas and in debate. Hence, it is not for us who seek the truth to introduce 'self-censorship' into our midst and forbid ourselves debate."

Medvedev, a frequent critic of the Kremlin, said dissidents should stick together "when it is a matter of coming out in defence of civil rights," but not when debating the ways and means of attaining the democratization of the Soviet Union.

Medvedev said Solzhenitsyn, who was forcibly exiled on February 13, displayed "retrograde views" by preaching the isolation of Russia and criticizing the democratic institutions of the West. He also criticized Sakharov, in turn a sometime critic of Solzhenitsyn, for saying that only outside pressure — such as U.S. Sen. Henry Jackson's trade bill amendment — could nudge the Soviet Union toward democracy.

"Change in internal regimes, particularly in the largest countries of the world, is unfortunately a slow and often quite painful process," Medvedev said. "The process cannot be hastened by ultimatums or by rejecting sensible compromises."

Medvedev said the majority of Russians care more about deficiencies in their meat or milk supply than deficiencies in their democracy. Only once their material needs are satisfied will they become aware of spiritual needs, he said.

Medvedev said the best way of achieving democratization of the Soviet Union is thus to aid its economic development and encourage it to cooperate with the rest of the world in solving the great problems facing mankind.

"Such cooperation does not exclude either ideological struggle or various forms of ideological pressure," he said.

Big search for art robbers

UBLIN. — The police checked ndreds of Irish cottages and rmhouses yesterday loking for es to the world's greatest art bbery.

Officers called at every house and lding within about eight kilo- tres of the stately mansion call- Russborough House where a man and three men stole 19 old ster paintings worth an estimated n. on Friday.

mmediate clues were few and far ween. The one solid lead was a len car found abandoned 110 ometres from the house.

part from that, all police had go on was a hazy account of thieves from the mansion's oc- ants, millionaire Sir Alfred Beit, wife and their servants.

he 71-year-old Sir Alfred, whose ally made a fortune in South ican gold and diamonds, were ning to records when the thieves t in late on Friday night.

he thieves slammed Sir Alfred the head with a gun-butt and trussed him up. Lady Beit was tied up.

r Alfred heard them abuse him a capitalist pig" and then dimly rved them marching round the se selecting paintings on the ers of the female member of the — a woman with a French nt. The rest of the gang spoke rish accents.

POLICE THEORY

lice investigating the robbery ve that the paintings may have taken to force the repatriation reland of hunger-striking ex- ist prisoners in British jails.

t the moment it seems a likely y," one source said. The Beit is in the Blessington area, t 30 kilometres southwest of n. The police are keeping a close h on air and sea ports. Interpol Scotland Yard have been asked lp in tracking down the thieves.

hough the police do not rule he theory that an international ang is behind the robbery, they a possible link between it and heft of a Vermeer painting in n last year. Then a demand dly from the thieves to the er London Council called for riation to a Belfast jail of es and Marion Price, two bers of the Irish Republican .

Price sisters are two of eight and women serving life sen- s in Britain for two London ings last year that injured more 100 people. The two women reportedly been on a hunger in jail and authorities have force-feeding them.

Vermeer painting stolen in n was never found.

ce experts are checking finger- found in Sir Alfred's home those found on the abandoned *(Reuter, UPI)*

Woman Writing a Letter, by Vermeer, was one of the paintings stolen from Sir Alfred Beit, near Dublin, on Friday night. This work is valued at about £8m. (AP radiophoto)

Army, police vow support to Selassie

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — The Ethiopian Government of Endalkachew Makonnen got a new lease on life on Saturday when the country's armed and police forces pledged total support and also announced no further arrests of former ministers and officials.

A deputation of the forces called on Emperor Haile Selassie at the Jubilee Palace pledging loyalty to the crown and total support to the government. Premier Makonnen and members of his cabinet as well as commanders of various units of the armed forces and police were present.

The deputation informed Selassie that 20 ministers and top officials of the former cabinet were rounded up on Friday night and Saturday. The troops assured the Emperor that no more arrests will be made other than the 20 ministers and officials detained so far.

More than 200 top military and civilian officials were arrested in a nationwide sweep.

Selassie told the deputation of the armed and police forces he was pleased "with the frank way you expressed your views." He also commended them for their appeal to the general public to assist in maintaining law and order in the country.

CAIRO PLOTTER BLAMES GADDAFI

CAIRO (UPI). — The leader of a subversive group which allegedly planned to overthrow President Anwar Sadat's regime has testified that he was instigated by the Libyan leader Col. Gaddafi to start a "people's revolution" in Egypt, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday.

It said that Saleh Sariya, the leader of the group, understood from Gaddafi at their meeting in Tripoli last June that the Libyan leader was "opposed to the Egyptian regime." Sariya, who is a Palestinian-born Arab carrying an Iraqi passport, said Gaddafi told him that there were "plans to liquidate the Palestinian case."

He quoted Gaddafi as saying President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev had "concluded an agreement for dividing the Arab region between them." Sariya said Gaddafi told him Egypt has approved the agreement between the two superpowers "and has no objection to solving the Palestinian problem in the way decided by Russia and America.

"Therefore, and in order to blow up this plan, terrorist action, by means of a people's revolution, should be speeded up," Gaddafi was quoted as telling Sariya.

Sariya said he replied that "this action should not be rushed in order to ensure its success." Gaddafi then told him to leave his address and said he would send one of his aides to him in Cairo "when we reach a final decision."

Sariya, who is an Arab League official, said he understood "from Gaddafi's attitude that he wanted to start an explosion... he wanted the operation to be pure propaganda in his favour without caring about its positive results." He said he understood from the conversation with Gaddafi that he "is opposed to the Egyptian regime, and that he was instigating me against it by implying that he alone is faithful to the Palestinian cause and that President Sadat and other Arab leaders are not.

"I came out of this meeting, having been affected by Gaddafi's conversation about the situation in Egypt, and this naturally had some effect on me when I planned the attempt to stage a coup and overthrow the regime in Egypt," Sariya said.

Sariya is accused of leading the attack on the Military Technical Academy on April 18, which was the first part of a conspiracy to seize power.

China still holds Soviet 'copter that strayed

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday reiterated that a helicopter lost over the Chinese border 45 days ago was on a medical mercy mission, and had no military aims.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said the army Mi4 helicopter carried no intelligence equipment and maintained communication only with civilian airports while on the mission on March 14.

Publication of the article indicated Soviet authorities have made no progress in weeks of quiet diplomacy for the return of the helicopter and its three-man crew. China accused the Soviets of spying. In a note delivered to Chinese Ambassador Liu Hsin-chuan on March 28, the Soviets rejected allegations of espionage.

The helicopter went astray in one of the most sensitive regions along the 7,000 km. Sino-Soviet frontier.

"Pravda" said the helicopter took off to rescue a seriously injured soldier at a distant border post which civilian helicopters could not reach because of bad weather. The newspaper said the pilot was forced to hug mountain canyons because of fog, wind and the danger of icing at higher levels.

This meant he could not receive radio signals. "Pravda" said that once out of the mountains the pilot radioed: "Totally lost. No fuel left. Forced to land." By this time he already was in China.

Oman recruiting UK mercenaries to fight rebels

LONDON (UPI). — The Sultan of Oman is recruiting British mercenaries to command his forces against the growing threat of Communist-backed rebels, the "Sunday Telegraph" said yesterday.

A report by the newspaper's diplomatic correspondent said the Sultan had approached the London government for help in finding the 100 former British officers it hopes to recruit this year. The "Telegraph" said 200 seconded officers and mercenaries from Britain already were serving with Omani troops and air forces.

It said the Sultan was seeking more British mercenaries because recent government successes in stopping the arms flow through South Yemen to rebels had brought warnings from Moscow that it would assist "patriots" in the area.

'LIBYAN SUMMIT WITH SOVIET'

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi was quoted yesterday as saying that he might have summit talks in Moscow with Soviet leaders.

Colonel Gaddafi told the "As-Safir" newspaper published here that Libyan Prime Minister Abdel-Salam Jalloud will fly to Moscow on May 14.

Asked about reports that he also planned to visit the Soviet Union, Gaddafi said: "... the prospects exist and, indeed, it is possible that a meeting at summit level could take place between us and the Soviets."

Gaddafi, who has been a harsh critic of the Soviet Union, said Libya's relations with the Soviet Union were good, "and they may be stronger now than they were in the past, particularly because we both are now aware of the seriousness of the American onslaught in the Middle East."

He said he had always relied on Libya's friendship with the Soviet Union "to criticise what I believed were Soviet mistakes or shortcomings towards the Arabs."

He confirmed that Libya had stopped supplying oil to Egypt, saying in reply to a question: "Now that the (October) fighting is over, there is no justification to continue shipping our oil to Egypt... aircraft are parked in their airports and tanks are motionless, why then should they want our oil?"

But Gaddafi said Libya would continue supplying oil to the Syrians. "We shall continue to supply Syria with oil as long as fighting continues on its front. We shall also stand forcefully on Syria's side..." he said.

Referring to Libya's strained relations with Egypt following an attack on April 18 on the technical military academy in Cairo, Gaddafi said he expected to confer soon with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to try to sort out misunderstandings on this and other issues.

Van Dyck and Breughel stolen

WARSAW (AP). — Museum officials have discovered that two valuable paintings, a Van Dyck and a Brueghel, had been replaced in their frames with fakes — one of them printed in a women's weekly.

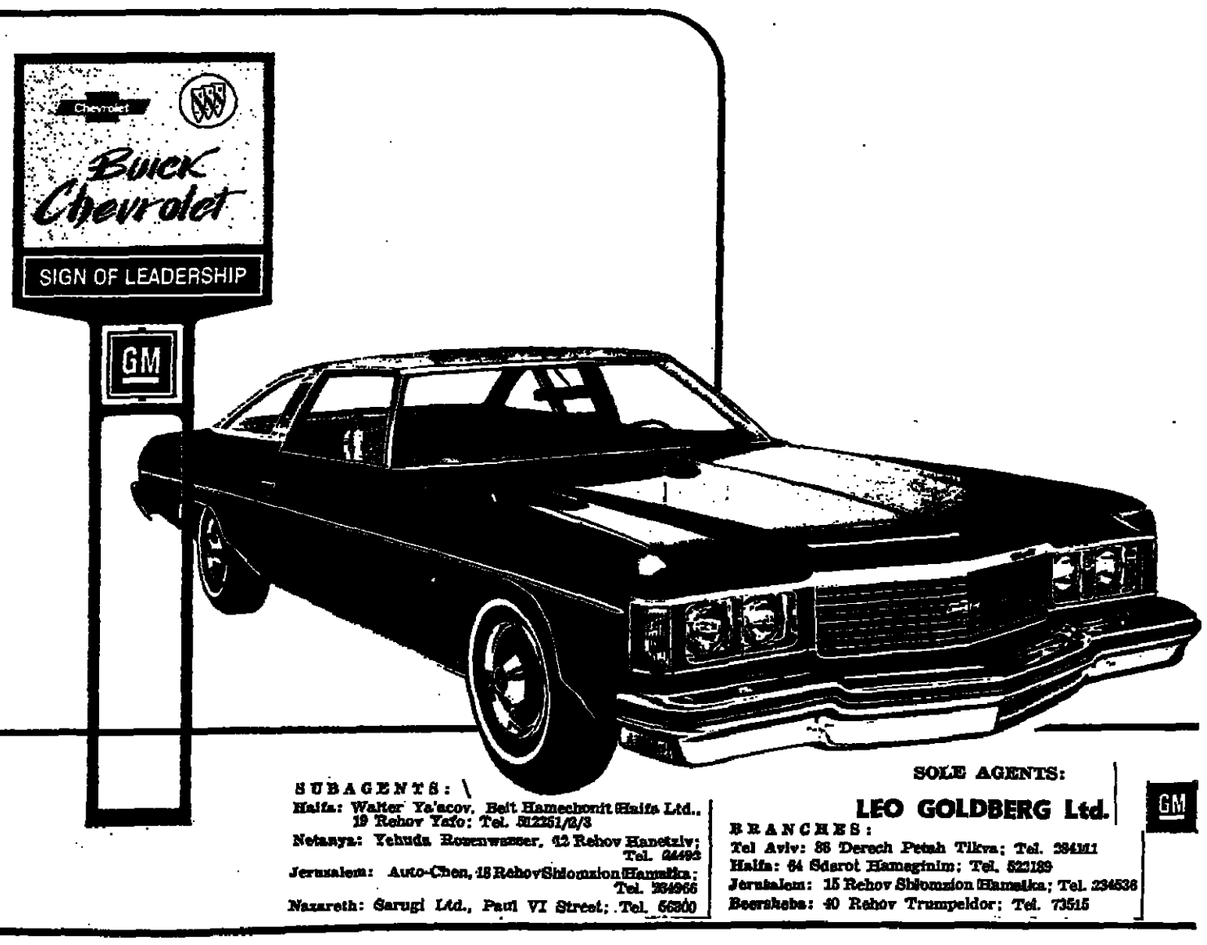
Embarrassed curators at the Gdansk museum said the two small paintings were worth a total of almost $400,000.

The paintings were Brueghel's "Woman carrying glowing fire," measuring 17 cm. in diameter, and Van Dyck's "Crucifixion," which is 48 by 43 cm.

Yesterday's "Zycie Warsawy" newspaper said: "On Wednesday one of the paintings fell from the gallery wall, the round one by Brueghel, and it was discovered that it was a reproduction cut from the weekly "Kobieta," a woman's magazine.

Austrian wins Grand Prix

MADRID (Reuter). — Niki Lauda of Austria, driving a Ferrari, yesterday won the Spanish Grand Prix at the Jarama race track near here. His Ferrari team mate Clay Regazzoni of Switzerland finished second.



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Middle East not an urgent election issue

Difficult election for French Jews

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — FRANCE'S Jewish voters — if such an electoral phenomenon still exists nowadays — will find it hard to select their candidate when the nation goes to the polls in the first round of the Presidential election next Sunday.

According to a recent opinion poll, followers of the conservative contender, Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing, include the highest proportion (30 per cent) of friends of Israel. Giscard himself refuses to be pinned down to any Middle East policy beyond saying he is in favour of "change." But the presence at his side of his close aides—Health Minister Michel Poniatowski and Centre political leader Jean Lecanuet, both pro-Israelis — is regarded here as a guarantee that French policy will change if Giscard moves into the Elysée.

Ex-Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas gave the most forthright assurances of any Presidential candidate that he would undertake an agonising reappraisal of France's Middle East options in his interview with Kol Israel correspondent Nachdimon Rogel. He promised to consider making a personal visit to Israel if he were elected and even quoted Isaiah ("Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation") in Hebrew *as a token of his sympathy for* the Jewish people.

But Chaban's credibility as a champion of Israel was soon diminished by Foreign Minister Michel Jobert's announcement that he was rallying to the former Premier's banner. Jobert is a staunch spokesman for the pro-Arab posture introduced by Gen. de Gaulle and reaffirmed by the late President Pompidou. It seems unthinkable that Jobert would agree to campaign for Chaban if he believed his Kol Israel interview were more than a gambit to lure Jewish ballots. Indeed, in coming out for Chaban, Jobert publicly declared that he considered him more likely than Giscard to observe *the tenets of Gaullist foreign* policy.

Observers here have been surprised by the alacrity with which M. Jean Pierre-Bloch, head of the French League against Anti-Semitism, has proclaimed his organization's backing for the left-wing candidate Francois Mitterrand. Pierre-Bloch summarily dismissed the two other principal candidates by labelling them "Chaban's the plague and Giscard is cholera," a catch-phrase used by the Communists during the last Presidential contest when they refused to choose between Pompidou and the Speaker of the Senate, M. Alain Poher.

M. Pierre-Bloch and other Jewish leaders in France would be ill-advised, for all their admiration for Mitterrand, to forget that the Communists will hold portfolios in *any future government* if he becomes President of France. Mitterrand makes no secret of his friendship for Israel. But the "Joint Programme," the political platform endorsed by both the Socialist and Communist Parties, is a discouraging document for Israel.

The programme declares that the two parties consider that a lasting peace in the Middle East depends on "recognition of Israel's right to existence and to security, as well as for all other nations in the Middle East as sovereign

Valery Giscard d'Estaing

states including the Arab nation of Palestine which will freely choose its representatives.

"Recognition of Israel and its right to security figure in all the party political programmes. But perhaps it would be worth while for Mitterrand to explain before the election campaign is too advanced exactly what he means by the "Arab nation of Palestine" and *on which territory he considers it* should establish its sovereign state.

Naturally enough, the Middle East is not an urgent issue for the candidates who are anxiously watching the opinion polls for signs of which way the wind is blowing. The latest poll, taken for the newsmagazine "Le Point" and "France-Soir," showed at the weekend that Giscard was forging ahead of Chaban and seemed certain to face Mitterrand in the run-off round of voting on May 19. During the past week, Mitterrand has improved his position as front-runner and now looks likely to muster 42 per cent of the vote, compared with 41 per cent.

Giscard has moved up from 26 per cent to 31 per cent while Chaban-Delmas has dropped from 23 per cent to 18 per cent.

Posts Minister, Jean Royer, who is campaigning for the small shopkeepers' vote, has seen his support sag from six per cent to three per cent. Royer is still a candidate but he has decided to stop holding public meetings following the pandemonium which marked his last gathering in Toulouse. Royer made his name in Tours, the Loire Valley town where he is mayor, and has made himself a reputation as a Mrs. Grundy by banning any film which presents human nakedness.

At Toulouse, thousands of youngsters stormed the assembly hall, demolished the platform and cut off the microphones. By campaigning against the mini-skirt and porno films, Royer has made a fool of himself. He has scarcely been assisted by his wife who has publicly declared that young bachelors ought to remain virgins until they were at least 30, so their brides could be sure of marrying if not a young man, at least one pure in soul and body.

In his lastest appearances on campaign tours and on television, Chaban's discouragement is obvious. But he repeats gamely that he will stick it out "until the finishing post." The opinion polls indicate that the finish for Chaban could well come next Sunday shortly after 8 p.m. when the polling stations close at the end of the first round. Chaban's campaign has lost credibility because of his failure to identify himself as a figure of stronger presidential calibre than Giscard.

Chaban was premier for three years under Pompidou until he was sacked because of a national scandal over his income-tax payments and his close association with unscrupulous businessmen. Giscard has been Finance Minister for a decade under both De Gaulle and Pompidou. To French conservatives he presents a more traditional and reliable figure than Chaban.

Mitterrand's prospects in the run-off vote have improved miraculously as the campaign has progressed. He has proved himself more nimble, more intelligent and wittier in debate than his rivals. He has confounded critics of his alliance with the Communists by reminding them that, although his Prime Minister will be a socialist, it would be folly to exclude from office the most powerful left-wing force in French politics. Chaban's poor showing reflects the disenchantment of France with a candidate who presents himself as the spiritual heir of De Gaulle. Giscard is becoming increasingly careful to assert his own independence from the Gaullist legacy. Mitterrand has no need to apologize for any involvement with the regime. He represents the opportunity for a change in France. And, whether Mitterrand is pipped at the post or not, this election will demonstrate that the old order is dead and buried.

Haifa political analyst publishes study

'Labour's choice of Rabin signals the rise of the pragmatists'

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The Labour party's choice of Yitzhak Rabin as its candidate for Premier marks the rise *of the "pragmatic bitzuist"* — the men who get things done — to the top of Israel's political pyramid.

The process was first launched in 1959, by David Ben-Gurion, when he brought five "bitzuist" ministers into his cabinet, according to Dr. Shevah Weiss, Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the Haifa University. Mr. Rabin's election also marks another step in the replacement of the old-guard "founding father" politicians, by the middle generation of more pragmatically-oriented successors.

In a study to be published in the revised second edition of his book, "Politicians of Israel" (Ahiassaf), which will appear shortly, Dr. Weiss traces the background of the 68 premiers and ministers who have served in Israel's governments from the establishment of the State, to the present day.

In an interview with *The Post*, Dr. Weiss said he found that the ministers fall into six general types.

The largest group, 43.5 per cent, came from the "founding father" section of the country's parties. Generally elderly men, in the 60-70 age group, they had a rich Zionist past and were part of the pre-State history of the Yishuv. They included such people as the late Ben-Gurion, Eliezer Kaplan, Moshe Sharett, and Levi Eshkol, as well as present Premier Golda Meir.

The next largest group, comprising 24.9 per cent, came to the government on the strength of their outstanding achievements in "bitzuist" executive posts after the State was established, in the Army, top *management and industry. Most of* them were in their early fifties when they joined the Cabinet.

The third group, 9.6 per cent, were brought into the government for their professional and intellectual repute, most of them members of the free professions.

Representatives of ethnic and communal groups, who were given cabinet posts mainly for that reason, made up the fourth group, representing eight per cent.

Only one minister (1.6 per cent) was put into the government for his outstanding achievement in the party machine. Eight per cent of the ministers, past and present, came to the top on the strength of their outstanding achievements as parliamentarians, Dr. Weiss said. The remaining five per cent were "hard to define."

He found that the number of "bitzuist" ministers increased with each succeeding government, after Ben-Gurion first set the ball rolling when he put Dayan, Eban, Almogi and the late Giora Josephthal into his cabinet in 1959, and appointed Shimon Peres as a deputy minister.

Dr. Weiss stressed that his findings were likely to surprise many people, as the general opinion was that our ministers generally reached the top by virtue of their service in the party machines, whereas in actual fact only very few did so. He said that successive premiers *had made wide use of their prero*gative to choose their ministers, and many of them were skimmed straight from the upper echelons of various walks of life and achievement into the government, by-passing the party machines. These included leading lawyers, like Dr. Dov Joseph and Haim Zadok; the late Professor Ben-Zion Dinur, an outstanding Hebrew University historian; Abba Eban, who had distinguished himself as an Ambassador; Ya'acov Geri, a top executive; *Haim Cohn, a leading jurist* who was acting Justice Minister for a short time, and Dayan, Bar-Lev, Yariv, Weizmann and Rabin who rose to the top in the armed services.

Dr. Weiss noted that in last week's choice by the Labour party most of the mooted candidates were *already men of "bitzuist"* background — Eban, Rabin, and Peres. The two final candidates, Peres and Rabin, "symbolised the passage from ideologists to pragmatists." Yet he found that this development was not as novel as it might appear at first sight, noting that in the historic Mapai wing of the Labour party the accent in the leadership had always been on pragmatic men, albeit steeped in Labour ideology. Most of the Mapai ministers in the early cabinets had had wide practical, i.e. pragmatic, *managerial* experience in the national institutions that preceded the State, such as the Jewish Agency. On the other hand, last week's pragmatist candidates, Peres and Rabin, were both graduates of labour youth movements who had continued to absorb ideology in the Hagana and Palmach, respectively. "Basically they do not represent a completely new departure towards pragmatists without ideology," Dr. Weiss said.

PORTUGAL COUP REVERBERATES THROUGH AFRICA

LONDON (UPI). — Freedom bells pealed joyously in Portugal last week to celebrate the downfall of a hard-nosed 40-year-old dictatorship. But throughout white-ruled Southern Africa it set alarm bells ringing.

The ouster of Prime Minister Marcelo Caetano and *seizure of power* by a military junta headed by monocled Gen. Antonio de Spinola were events of historic dimensions for the whole of Africa.

They appeared to mean that Portugal was at last weary of more than 12 years of colonial wars with no military victory in sight. They appeared, *too, to mean that — one* way or another — Portugal was preparing slowly to follow in the footsteps of Africa's other former colonial powers, Britain, France, Belgium and Spain, and to wind down the colonial role she has played for more than four centuries on the former "black continent."

It was on March 15, 1961, that African guerrillas first attacked white settlers in the district of Angola, largest and wealthiest of Portugal's three African "provinces," as the Lisbon government calls them. In a few hours several hundred settlers were slaughtered in neighbouring towns and villages. Soon the death toll grew into thousands.

Portugal's African wars had begun.

In 1963 the revolts spread to Mozambique and tiny Portuguese Guinea-Bissau on Africa's western bulge.

For 12 years now Portugal has *found herself fighting bitter and* bloody little colonial conflicts in all three territories—claiming repeatedly victory is in sight but with no real end to the fighting on the horizon.

Today she maintains an army of about 200,000 men in the three territories, about one half of them black *Africans. For a country of* 8.6 million population the cost is appalling, not only in blood but in the continuous drain on the national wealth of Western Europe's poorest and industrially most backward nation.

Each year Portugal spends about one half of its annual national budget of two billion dollars on defence. Portugal is a member of Nato but between 80 and 90 per cent of her defence spending is drained away on fighting the wars in Africa.

The total death toll is not known. Lisbon estimates say at least 3,000 Portuguese troops have died in addition to an unknown number of Africans serving in her army.

How have the wars gone?

In Angola, Portuguese authorities claim the insurrection has been contained, although not quelled.

In this territory, with a black African population of between 5 and 6 millions and about 600,000 white Portuguese settlers, there has been open talk of a breakaway from Portugal in a sort of unilateral declaration of independence like that in Rhodesia nine years ago. Portugal has fought desperately to hold on to Angola, whose northern areas already produce twice Portugal's own petroleum needs and whose southern territories contain an estimated one billion tons of high grade iron ore.

It is growing dissatisfaction among the white population at Lisbon's *apparent inability to end the fighting* that has led to rumblings of a possible breakaway.

Frelimo guerrillas

In *Mozambique*, guerrillas of the Front for Liberation of Mozambique (Frelimo) have caused Portugal the greatest concern. There, with a white minority population of barely 250,000 almost submerged in a black African majority of 8 million, the Portuguese Army has been fighting what looks more and more like a rearguard operation.

The Frelimo guerrillas, trained by Communist Chinese instructors and armed with Russian AK47 rifles and rocket launchers and Chinese-made land mines, have built up an army estimated to total 10,000 men, based and trained in neighbouring Tanzania.

Demands for greater protection forced Portugal to fly in 10,000 reinforcements from Angola to Mozambique.

In Guinea-Bissau rebels claim to hold three fourths of the West African territory. They have declared an independent state, already recognized by the Communist world.

In Lisbon, Portuguese authorities say the wars will go on under the new regime while it seeks a political solution. No one knows how long that will take. But for both Portugal and Africa the situation will never be the same as before last week.

Soviet group due for V.E. Day

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A three-man official Soviet delegation is coming here in the second week of May to attend the annual anniversary ceremony of the victory over Nazi Germany to be held in the Red Army Forest near Kibbutz Ma'alei Hahamisha. The delegation will be guests of the Rakah-linked Soviet-Israel Friendship League.

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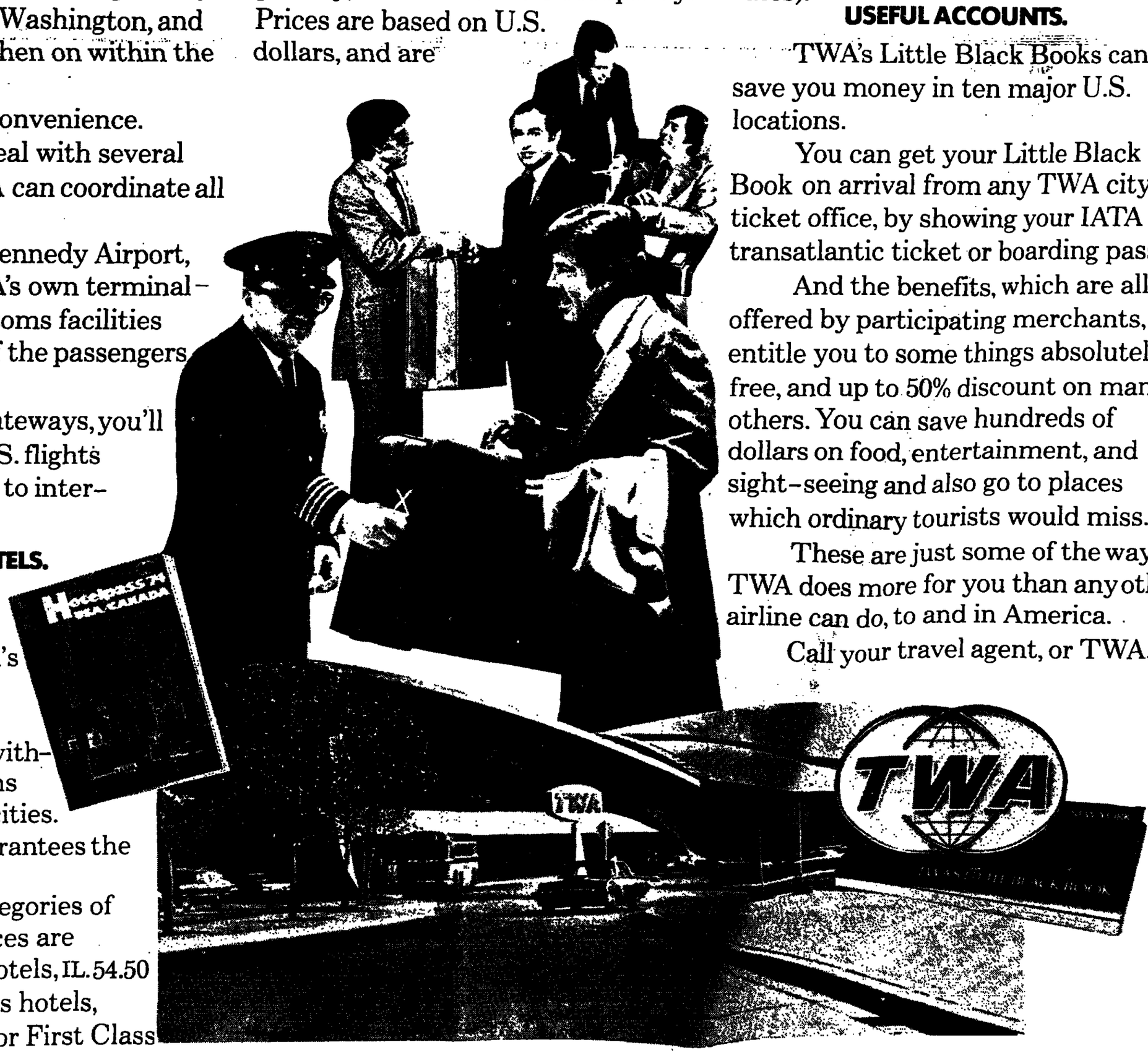

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HAIFA
4.00, 6.45, 9.00

AMPHITHEATRE — Deaf Smith and Johnny Ears; ARMON — Man of the East; ATZMON — Rabbi Jacob; BEIT ROTHSCHILD — Mon. Traffic with Jack Tati; Sun. Mother Joan of The Angels; Thurs. Les Enfants du Paradis CHEN — Pete N' Tillie; MIRON — Love is Tender and Violent; MORIAH — Ship of Fools; ORDAN — Take the Money and Run. ORAH — The Way We Were. ORION — The Big Risk; ORLY — Day of the Jackal; PEER — Play It Again Sam; RON — A Touch of Class; SHAVIT — Malizia.

TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALLENBY — Bolt; BEN YEHUDA — Take Me High; CINEMA ONE — Mc Q; CINERAMA — Carnal Violence; CHEN — The Don is Dead; DEKEL — 40 Carats — EDEN — Kinari, Kinari; MAXIM — Sister; ESTHER — Magnum Force; GAT — Avanti; DRIVE-IN CINEMA — Robinson Crusoe. The Contract, The Sicilians. GORDON—But Where is Daniel Vax; HOD — Les Intrus; LIMOR — Don Juan 73; MOGRABI — The Way We Were; OPHIR — Live and Let Die; ORDAN — La Nuit Americane; ORLY — The Lustful Vicar; PARIS — Le Distrait; PEER — A Touch of Class; RAMAT AVIV — The Thief Who Came to Dinner; STUDIO — Haham Gamliel; TCHELET— Harold & Maude; TEL AVIV — Rabbi Jacob; ZAFON — Il N'y a pas de fumee sans feu.

RAMAT GAN
7.15, 9.30

ARMON — Pete N' Tillie; RADAR — Haham Gamliel; LILI — *Till Divorce Do Us Part;* ORDEA — The Oasis of Fear; OASIS — Wedding Night; RAMA — Magnum Force; RAMAT GAN — Rabbi Jacob.

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DEPARTURES: *El Al 111 to Teheran. 0030;* TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0555; El Al 221 to Paris, Montreal and N.Y., 0630; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; TWA 803 to Paris and N.Y. 0715; El Al 425 to Zurich and London. 0720; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and N.Y., 0740; Lufthansa 637 to Frankfurt. 0750; El Al 001 to N.Y., 0800; El Al 333 to Geneva and Brussels. 0820; El Al 429 Vienna and Amsterdam. 0840; Air France 133 to Rome and Paris. 0850; El Al 427 to Paris. 0900; BEA 483 to London. 0925; SAS 532 to Copenhagen. 1035; El Al 015 to London and N.Y. 1100; El Al 423 to Rome. 1125; Air France 161 to Paris, 1220: Olympic 302 to Athens. 1335; Alitalia 739 to Rome. 1400; El Al 581 to Istanbul. 1715; TWA 810 *to Bombay and Bangkok.* 1810; TWA 631 to Munich, Frankfurt N.Y. and Kensas City. 1835; Tarom 246 to Bucharest. 2120.

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Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m. 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Famous Artists."
9.05 Light Classics.
9.55 English News.
10.05 "Chamber Music" — Schubert: String Quartet in G (Tel Aviv Quartet).
10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew.
11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary School. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools.
12.35 Works by Baruch Liftman.
1.05 Midday Concert — South American composers: Ginastera, Guastavino, Villa-Lobos, Revueltas.
2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering your knowledge." 3.30 Literature-Questions and Answers. 3.50 Book Review.
4.05 "Soiree Musicale" — Shostakovich: Piano Sonata No.2 (A Braginsky); Stravinsky: Italian Suite (Tania Remennik-Braginsky) 5.05 "Radio Music Club" Holon Chamber Orchestra (Ronli-Rikliis).
5.55 English News. 6.05 "The Story of a File." 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light music. 7.50 Bible Reading Tehillim, *chaps. 5 and 6.*
8.05 Massenet: "Wertner" — complete opera.
11.02 "Radiostory." 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05-6.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 428, 259, 355 and 349 M.

5.05 a.m. Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.10 Exercises. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.50 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. *3.05 Requests. 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen.* 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 Hebrew Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont.) 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Songs of Love and Friendship" 9.52 Light music. 10.05 "Till Midnight" — with Miriam Tamir. 11.02 "Tonight." 11.15 "Till Midnight" (cont.) 12.05-3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 286, 249, 355 and 349.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.30 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMME
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
9.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.32 "Windows on the World" — a Magazine programme. 6.00 "Game and Hobbies." 8.00 "Pollyanna." 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 Oriental Song Festival — 5734. 10.00 "What Next" — Questions after the War. 10.50 "Mannix." 11.40 News.
Educational: *5.15* English 6. 9.05 Maths. 6.10.00 Biology 9. 10.20 English 5. 11.05 Advice and Guidance 7. 11.25 Geometry 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12.20 Science 7. 12.40 Literature 2-5. 1.00 Biology 9. *1.20 Science 8. 1.40 Film. 4.00 Naomi Shemer.* 4.20 Story. 4.31 English. 4.51 Nathan Alterman's Songs.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Sport. 7.17 Projector. 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

5.55 p.m. (1st programme);
8.40-8.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves);
10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
1.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves);
6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 522, 256 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
5.58 a.m. Morning Prayer. 6.05 Morning Tunes. 7. Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 9. Requests. 9.55 "One Moment." 10.05 Requests. 10. Uri Sela's corner. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Hai Guri's Corner. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 War and Tasty. 1.30 Yoseph Lapid's Corner. 1.35 War and Tasty.
1.55 p.m. Announcements. 2.05 Entertainme programme. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3. *"3-4-5" — with Shmuel Shai and Ehud Graf.* 5. Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody Greetings. 5.55 Programme Trailer. 6.05 "You E the Decision Maker" — with Rav Nitzav Sha Rosolio — *Police Inspector General.* 7.05 "The were the Days" — April 1936. 8.05 Foreign E Parade. 10.05 "Tonight" — with Edna Shavit. 11. Midnight talk. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Nig Birds" — with Puina Bat-Zvi. 3.05-6.00 "Tunes in t night."

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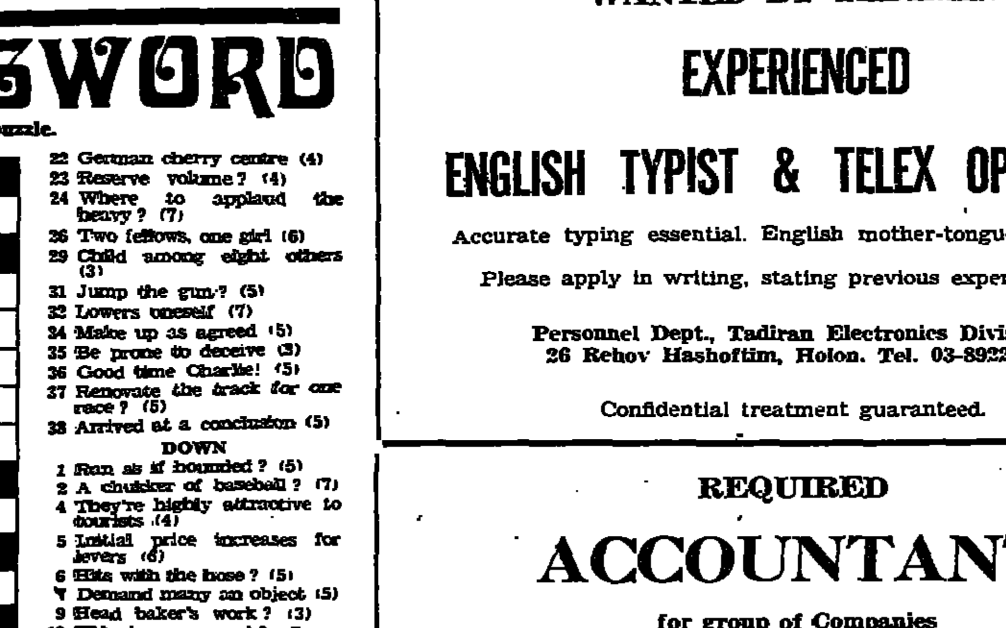

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6 Causing death (5)
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22 Military actions (7)
24 Read (6)
25 Baby's bed (3)
27 Animal (5)
28 Garments (5)
30 Less (5)
32 Heavenly body (4)
33 Youth (3)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 People in racing circles, we hear (5)
8 Uncle Tom's place? (5)
10 Bread lists? (5)
11 Is this land full of cart-tracks? (3)
12 Cop it in the eye! (5)
13 Men fighting to exclude trespassers? (7)
15 Mostly skinny geese? (5)
18 Caught some fish adroitly (3)
19 Magic plant? (6)
21 Makes an arresting discovery? (7)
22 German cherry centre (4)
23 Reserve volume? (4)
24 Where to applaud the heavy? (7)
26 Two fellows, one girl (6)
29 Child among eight others (3)
31 Jump the gun? (5)
32 Lowers oneself (7)
34 Make up as agreed (5)
35 Be prone to deceive (3)
36 Good time Charlie! (5)
37 Renovate the track for one race? (5)
38 Arrived at a conclusion (5)

DOWN
1 Ran as if hounded? (5)
2 A chukker of baseball? (7)
4 They're highly attractive to tourists (4)
5 Initial price increases for levers (6)
6 Hits with the hose? (5)
7 Demand many an object (5)
9 Head baker's work? (3)
12 Tidy by command? (7)
14 Dine in a hospital atmosphere (3)
16 Spill tea on Shirley! (5)
17 Bottle tops? (5)
19 Harold the younger? (7)
20 Essays on bulls? (5)
21 Play a doctor and a master (5)
23 Not drunk on draught? (7)
24 Joseph goes to bed before ten (6)
25 Pull from the East? (3)
27 Second choice of pot-herbs? (5)
28 Transport expert or two (5)
30 To curse is one way to get attention (5)
32 Keen on a bender? (4)
33 Slick, maybe; slippery, certainly (3)

Friday's Easy solution
ACROSS.—1, Fewer. 6, Islet. 9, Distant. 10, Staid. 11, Tired. 12, Sever. 13, Scatter. 15, Yes. 17, Hens. 18, Invent. 19, Stuns. 20, Erects. 22, Bred. 24, Nil. 25, Cleanly. 26, Sable. 27, Madam. 28, State. 29, Medical. 30, Adder. 31, Deeds.
DOWN.—2, Entice. 3, Edicts. 4, Rid. 5, Utter. 6, Interns. 7, Stir. 8, Eleven. 12, Seats. 13, Sheen. 14, Angel. 15, Yearn. 16, Study. 18, Ingle. 19, Steamer. 21, Ribald. 22, Battle. 23, Elated. 25, Claim. 26, Same. 28, Sad.

Friday's Cryptic solution
ACROSS.—1, Pa-gan(nag). 6, Maori. 9, Bed's-kin. 10, St-ate. 11, Notch. 12, Robin. 13 (Young) Winston. 15, Pep(pills). 17, Om-it. 18, Angel-a. 19, Bulls. 20, Ashore. 22, Mean. 24 (g)Nat. 25, Cabaret. 26, Meals. 27, Stood. 28, Kiwis. 29 (The Brownings) Version. 30, Idler. 31, Peels.
DOWN.—2, An-trim. 3, Artist. 4, Nee. 5, A-ston(e). 6, Mini-O-N-S. 7, Anon. 8, R-aboe-l. 12, Rogue. 13, Woman. 14, Night. 15, Pet-er. 16, Paint. 18, Alias. 19, Breeder. 21, Sal-Ted. 22, Marine. 23, Aerial. 25, C-lose. 26, M-ov-e. 28, Kop.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON WEDNESDAY

COIN MARKET NEWS

Ben-Yehuda coin oversubscribed

Special to The Jerusalem Post

he 26th Anniversary Commemo-ive Coin dedicated to Eliezer Ben-uda, who revived the Hebrew uage, is heavily oversubscribed, has been learned from official ces. The European market alone ordered over 100,000 coins, eas the entire issue does not ed 130,000. Many dealers and s in various parts of the world be notified that their orders be cut drastically, and subscrib-will be given first priority. All s who paid for their coins up to 25 are assured of receiving historical coin.

anticipated, the newly issued ge coloured catalogue issued e Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, which depicts 15 years of numismatic activities has created a huge and unprecedented demand for bronze, silver and gold medals. A great majority of collectors were not even aware that these coins exist. This demand may ultimately result in the increase of market prices.

The State Comptroller, in his annual report about the activities of the Bank of Israel, made public that the quantities of commemorative gold coins listed below are still in its vaults. By law, the Bank of Israel is not permitted to sell these gold coins, and it is assumed they will be melted down. Consequently these gold coins marketed by the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation to its clientele will increase in value mainly because published mintage figures in the corporation official catalogue are greater than the number in circulation. The gold coins and their number which will never reach the market are: Herzl, 435; Weizmann (50), 261; Weizmann (100), 263; Bank, 813; Bank (P), 661; Victory, 984; Jerusalem, 488; Shalom, 491; Freedom, 498; Declaration (50), 501; Declaration (100), 498; Declaration (200), 501.

Market prices of gold and silver coins are holding steady and, in view of the tourist trade which has improved in the last few months, interest is growing, and supplies may once again become limited.

CURRENT COIN PRICES

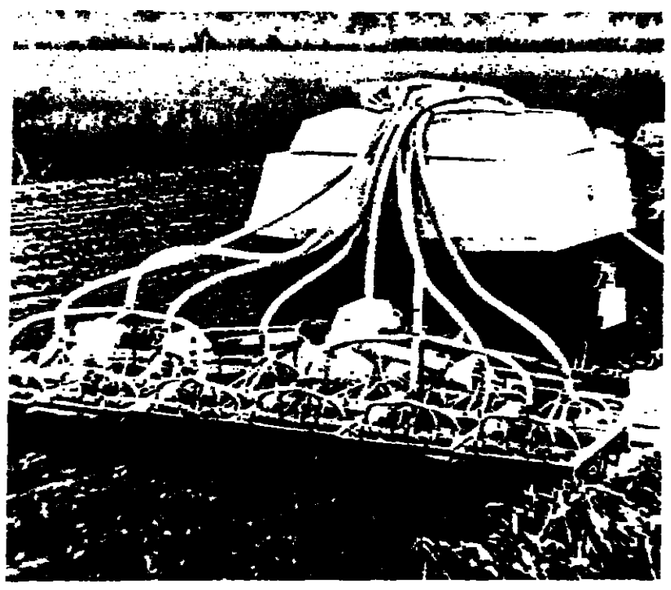
$1 = IL4.20

Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
Shekel — Furim Coins			
Shekel	20,004	1	170
" P.	5,000	2	420
Shekel	20,000	1	140
" P.	10,000	2	270
Pound — Hanukka Coins			
Torah	150,000	2	60
" P.	5,000	4	410
Degania	50,000	2	80
" P.	5,000	4	490
Bezalel	16,583	2	500
" P.	3,000	4	2900
Hero	18,916	2	150
" P.	9,428	4	260
Italian Lamp	9,637	2	450
" P.	6,040	4	730
N. African Lamp	10,000	2	450
" P.	5,500	4	830
5 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
Menorah	98,051	10	90
" P.	2,000	18	—
Exiles	27,249	10	190
" P.	4,792	18	350
Herzl	34,472	10	180
" P.	4,923	20	800
Bar-Mitzvah	19,541	10	370
" P.	4,561	20	900
Negev	20,450	10	750
" P.	5,050	20	850
Ma'aring	5,990	10	3000
" P.	4,500	20	3200
Museum	11,100	10	600
" P.	4,500	20	950
Knesset	25,252	10	300
" P.	7,680	20	450
[illegible]	32,503	12.50	150
" P.	60,500	25	300
[illegible]	30,250	12.50	245
" P.	7,755	25	320
5 Pounds — Special Issue			
Victory	234,589	12.50	60
" P.	50,499	30	140
Freedom	75,000	30	80
" P.	20,000	60	190

P = Proof
SF = San Francisco Mint
J = Jerusalem Mint
U = Utrecht Mint

$1 = IL4.20

Year	Name	Quantity	Issue Price IL	Market Price IL
	10 Pounds — Independence Day Coins			
1968	Jerusalem	60,000	22.50	140
1968	" P.	20,501	42.50	270
1969	Shalom (S.F.)	40,000	25	160
1969	" P.	20,000	50	190
1969	" (U)	20,000	25	180
1970	Mikveh	47,500	25	100
1970	" P.	22,500	50	170
1971	Science (U.)	30,000	25	180
1971	" P.	17,500	50	225
1971	" (J.)	22,500	25	200
1972	Aviation	50,000	30	110
1972	" P.	15,000	60	250
1973	Declaration	125,000	40	70
1973	" P.	41,500	80	180
	10 Pounds — Pidyon Haben			
1970	P-H	50,833	25	100
1970	" P.	15,000	50	180
1971	"	30,261	25	160
1971	" P.	15,000	50	220
1972	" (star)	30,000	30	100
1972	" (no star)	15,000	30	175
1972	" P.	12,500	60	90
1973	"	105,000	30	50
1973	" P.	15,000	60	180
1974	"	—	40	50
1974	" P.	45,000	80	90
	5 Pounds — Hanukka Coins			
1972	Russian Lamp	75,000	20	60
1972	" P.	22,500	40	130
1973	Babylonian Lamp	95,000	20	50
1973	Babylonian Lamp P.	45,000	40	100
	Gold Coins			
1960	Herzl (20)	40,510	50	3300
1962	Weizmann (50) P.	6,202	150	
1962	Weizmann (100) P.	6,203	300	3800
1964	Bank (50)	6,014	150	6900
1964	" (50) P.	1,502	250	20000
1967	Victory (100) P.	9,004	600	4600
1968	Jerusalem (100) P.	12,506	350	2500
1969	Shalom (100) P.	12,500	420	2100
1971	Freedom (100) P.	10,000	420	2700
1973	Declaration (50) P.	12,500	230	500
1973	" (100) P.	10,000	465	1050
1973	" (50-100-200) (in sets of three only)	18,750	1,617	4000



From Italy and selling for about $50,000, this "supercultivator" is said to plough, harrow, spread chemical feeds and sow in one operation. (UPI)

WHICH CURRENCY TO TAKE ABROAD?

ONCE again this year many thousands of Israelis will be travelling abroad, for business reasons, to visit relatives, to study or to participate in conferences, or simply on a holiday.

A minor problem for travellers usually concerns the foreign currency in which they should take the $450 allocation for residents going abroad.

In the days of fixed rates, one used merely to estimate how much foreign currency was needed for each country to be visited and then ask the bank to pay out the precious $450 into two, three or sometimes even more different kinds of banknotes or travellers' cheques. This presented quite a problem for the banks which had to keep a varied stock of many different currencies for their customers.

The now almost universally adopted system of floating rates has eliminated this admittedly minor worry. It is now always advisable to take the full allocation in U.S. dollars, the major part in travellers' cheques. Travellers' cheques cost a little more but represent a safer way of carrying money. Of the premium of one percent 0.8 per cent is immediately restored as the buying rate for dollar banknotes is at present IL4.235 in Israel, whereas travellers' cheques are sold by the banks for IL4.203 per dollar. Moreover when exchanging dollar travellers' cheques back into European currency a more advantageous rate is normally obtained. Similar differences exist between banknote and travellers' cheque rates of currencies of other countries. Sometimes they are even larger.

It is more practical to buy dollars here and change them into local currency abroad than to buy Swiss francs, Dutch guilders, German marks, French francs or sterling here. This is because the system of floating rates has created wide differences between buying and selling rates. In Israel those rates are fixed by the Bank of Israel. They vary from day to day, but the margin between buying and selling rates of most European currencies is usually between five and six per cent. The average margin of 10 currencies was recently as high as 5.5 per cent. Only the U.S. dollar is dealt in with the much smaller margin of 0.8 per cent, because the rate of the Israel pound is firmly linked to the dollar, at IL4.20=$1.

In foreign financial centres banknote margins are usually somewhat smaller, between 4-5 per cent, whereas the U.S. dollar is dealt in with an even smaller difference in most markets. In Zurich, this is for instance as a rule just over 3 per cent, in Amsterdam not much more than 3.5 per cent.

The above does not, of course, take into account a possible short-term appreciation or depreciation of the value of the dollar or any other currency owing to changing financial or economic conditions. These changes are largely unpredictable. At present the U.S. dollar is at least as good as any other currency, and in the form of travellers' cheques is today the most handy money for an Israeli traveller.

J. VOET

CARGO VESSELS EXPECTED:

AT HAIFA & ASHDOD PORTS

NORDIA	28.4	Ashdod
LEDA	29.4	Haifa
ALEXANDROS	29.4	Ashdod
NARKIS	29.4	Ashdod
CARIBBEAN KLIFF	29.4	Haifa
IRIS	1.5	Ashdod
DUENECK	3.5	
LILACK	4.5	
TUA	5.5	
ZIM GENOA	2.5	Haifa

AT EILAT PORT

NAHARIYA	30.4
ALOA	2.5

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New cement plants going up belatedly

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

BEFORE Israel's long-awaited third cement factory starts producing at Beit Shemesh (in June), a fourth and fifth plant are being planned — designed to bring output up to 3.5m. tons a year by 1980, official sources say.

But the new enterprises are late in getting into swing. This year production will not exceed 2m. tons, owing to slowdowns during the aftermath of the war. Another 200,000 tons has therefore to be imported, at $50-$60 a ton.

Even part of the local output is from imported clinker. The amount needed is 300,000 tons, and its price comes to $18-28 a ton. So backlogs in the development of cement production will cost the country close to $20m. in imports during the current year.

Next year, Beit Shemesh should be producing 600,000 tons, which will lift the nation's output to 2.4m.-2.5m. tons. This ought to match consumption levels at last, except that clinker will still have to be imported.

Solel Boneh, jointly with the Israel Corporation, plans a fourth cement factory, Israel's biggest, to make 80,000-1m. tons a year (probably in the area of Beit Govrin) at an investment of IL250m. Total production in the country should thus be 3m. tons by 1978 or 1979 — with no imported clinker.

Meanwhile Kfar Giladi has announced its desire to build a cement plant — Israel's fifth — producing 400,000-500,000 tons a year in the Golan. There are also suitable clay deposits in the Kiryat Shmona-Hatzor area, a likely alternative site.

The Government is expected to approve this project, too. Having been caught napping once, the authorities are keen to avoid any cement shortage in the future, even at the risk of over-production. "A surplus of up to 1 per cent can be tolerated as a safety margin. This quantity could be exported at a pinch," Oded Erez, head of the Food and Chemicals Division in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, explains.

Cement export were traditionally considered unprofitable, because it is a bulk commodity with high shipping costs, whereas every place can manufacture it — and all countries aim at achieving self-sufficiency.

The shortage of cement (accompanied by boom prices) that prevails nevertheless today derives from an explosion of demand for housing, not only in Israel but in other countries as well. When the price of cement was low, investment did not seem attractive. There was a third plant previously in Beit Shemesh called Shimshon: it went out of business in the mid-sixties.

In 1962, an authoritative study by Michael Bruno (now Professor at the Hebrew University, then member of the Bank of Israel's Research Department) cautioned that the cost of Israel's export earnings will rise, "unless the development of the most profitable ranches, such as machinery and electrical electrical equipment, is accelerated, while those exports which proved to be 'expensive' in 1958-60, such as *cement* (our italics), plywood and cotton yarn decline in relative importance."

Today imported cement costs (including freight and port charges) IL340-350 a ton. The price of local cement ex works in Israel is one-third of that figure, or IL103.15 a ton. Imports are duty-free, while local production is taxed, bringing its selling price up to IL225.50 a ton.

Part of this tax is paid over to cement importers through an equalisation fund — otherwise they would be selling at a loss. Thus the need to maintain an equal, moderate price for Israeli and imported supplies means that "in a way our local cement industry is subsidising its foreign competitors," Erez points out.

Prices go up in Lilienblum

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although falling prices prevailed for the past few weeks, foreign currencies yesterday began to rise again in Lilienblum Street, with heavier turnovers and brisk demands, especially for the dollar and the DM.

Yesterday's prices were: $100 banknote bills, IL4.78 per dollar; smaller dollar banknotes, IL4.75; dollar cheques, IL4.30 to IL4.50; DM, IL1.90; Dutch Florin, IL1.65; French franc, IL0.95; Swiss franc, IL1.53; pound sterling, IL11.30; sovereigns, IL255; kilo of silver, IL920; and a kilo of gold, IL26,300.

However, the 25th anniversary coins continued to drop. The three-piece set went for IL3,800, the two-piece for IL1,200 and the platinum for IL2,000.

World food supplies at low level

NEW YORK (AP). — World food supplies are at their lowest level in many years, and Japan is more dependent on imports than any other advanced industrial nation.

These findings were reported on Saturday in a survey conducted by economists of Fuji Bank, Ltd.

The study remarked that though Japan supplied 3 per cent of its own grain 10 years ago, she is now only 40 per cent self-sufficient. Japan's demand for feed grains has especially outgrown domestic supplies.

The Fuji report said that easing of U.S. food export restrictions helped Japan greatly but that reserve stocks in many countries are depleted and population growth is increasing rapidly in the developing countries.

MUSIC

Fine organist

THE third and last I.P.O. concert dedicated to 18th century music (Tel Aviv, Mann Auditorium, April 22), included late Baroque works by Rameau, Handel, Purcell and Vivaldi. None of them were really exciting, but the concert did have a few rewarding moments. For this, full credit goes to Andrew Davis, solo part in Handel's organ concerto, who conducted and also played the This performance on the I.P.O.'s magnificent new organ deserves unqualified praise. The concerto is an arrangement of a recorder sonata, and Davis, in his mixing registers and handling of the manuals, fully preserved its character. A fugue, played as an encore, further proved Davis' masterly command.

The other solo work, a concerto for piccolo and strings by Vivaldi, played by Sergio Feidman, proved less satisfactory. Some of the phrases were rhythmically uneven, and not all the tiny embellishments were brought out sufficiently.

Of the three orchestral works, Rameau's "Dardanus" Suite and Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" emerged best. Although both are Baroque, they differ sharply, Rameau flamboyant and courtly, Handel majestic. Davis brought out these contrasting qualities.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

AVIV STOCKS

Heavy trading day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The stock market yesterday with rising prices. h early demand subsided, rket was felt to be quite he turnover was IL4,482,100; IL1,336,900 was in the va-

turnover is unusually heavy past few weeks, and part due, no doubt, to the fact re were only three trading st week.)

ained 4.5 to meet a demand 000, but then lost 0.5 to close at 217 with a turnover of 136,000. Bank Leumi gained five and then lost 0.5, closing at 317.5. (The opening demand for Bank Leumi was 280,000, and in fact, some 330,000 was traded).

Africa rose by seven to meet a demand of 27,000 and then gained another four, to close at 336, with a turnover of 22,000.

Insurance companies also rose. Index-linked bonds were irregular. The dollar-Natad remained at IL4.69 and, at this price, some $265,600 was traded.

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ic Corp A	r	161	—
ic Corp B	r		
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Index 110.1	b	316	—
68, Series 41	b	140.4	—
69, Series 41	b	264.1	—
CIAL BANKS			
HOLDING ES			
ashvut	r	286	277
	r	266	257
ikholding	r	217	213
k	r	292.5	291.5
ish Bank	b	339	339
Bank "A"	r	515	517
rahi Bank	b	178	176
oalim — 10%	b	294	294
ml "A"	r	317.5	313
GE BANKS			
gage Bank	b	246	246
rtg. & Inv.	b	165	163
an	b	260.6	260.6
rtg. Bank	b	247	240
rtg. Bank	b	185	183
	b	280	269
	b	272	271
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surance	b	280	277
	b	390	375
CIAL & UTILITIES			
se	b	84	84
	r	176	173
ge—IL10	r	189.5	185
tric Corp.	r	65	67
& Supply	r	166	166
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	b	180	179

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Solel Boneh 10%	b	135	135.5
Property & Build.	r	220	214
Isras	b	172.5	172
Mehadrin	r	193	193.5
I.C.P. for Citrus	b	90	90
Anglo-Isr. Investors	b	170.5	170.5
Neot Aviv	r	96	96
Pri Or Ltd.	r	183.5	182.5
Rassco—8%	r	91	90
Rassco—O.	r	70.5	70.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	475	480
Elco—2.5	b	104	105
Electra—5	r	222	220
"Argaman"—8%	b	325	323
"Ata"—C	r	121	121
Dubek	b	445	442
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	215.5	217
Teva	b	1105	1100
Chem. & Phosphates	r	102	111.5
Lewin Epstein	b	69.5	69.5
Moller Textile	r	189	184
Phoenicia—8%	b	110	110
Paper Mills	r	310.5	313.5
Assis "B"	r	230	230
Nechushtan	b	390	380
Shemen—8%	b	131.5	131.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	228	230
Elite (A)		305	305
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	90.5	89.5
Ellern	b	198	198
Israel Central Trade	r	201.5	201.5
Bank Hapoalim	b	235	235
Paz	b	99.5	100.5
Wolfson IL10	b	103.5	102
Ampa	r	127.5	127.5
Discount Bank	b	246	242
United Mizrahi	b	113	114
Bank Leumi	r	226	224.5
Piryon Investment	r	98.5	97.5
Hassuta—For. Trade	r	93.5	87.5
Export Bank	b	76	72.5
Clal Investment	r	195	194
Clal Industries	r	191	188
FUEL & OIL			
Lapidoth OTC	r	87.5	88
Naphta OTC	r	175.5	173.5

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Ports handle 8% more cargo in '73

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

DESPITE the war, Israel's seaports handled eight per cent more cargo last year than in 1972, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported last week.

Summing up volume figures in anticipation of Export Week — beginning May 5 — the Ministry indicated that the ports handled 4.2 million tons of general cargo last year compared with 3.9 million tons during 1972. This does not include citrus exports or bulk cargoes.

Containerized cargoes comprised a million tons, or twice the tonnage borne in containers in 1972. This, to invest more in container-handling equipment at the ports. As a result, freight charges for containerized shipments to overseas customers have risen — contrary to expectations.

The Ministry said exports by air rose last year by six per cent — from 26,500 to 28,000 tons. This was due chiefly to the wartime rerouting of shipments usually sent by sea, since many sailings were cancelled during the emergency period.

The Ministry's market research centre in Tel Aviv announced a new "custom service" to Israeli exporters and prospective exporters.

For a fee, the centre will prepare a detailed market survey of the best prospects for a product's sales overseas

The centre, located at 9 Rehov Carlebach, Tel Aviv, maintains a library of more than 1,000 technical and trade magazines, a wide selection of business directories and annuals and an index to business reports available on loan from market research libraries abroad.

More than 800 manufacturers and trading companies will be awarded the title of "Approved Exporter" during Export Week. To qualify, the awardee must have sold at least $100,000 worth of goods overseas during the past year.

The best performers among these companies will also be presented to President Ephraim Katzir by Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev. They will receive certificates naming them as "Outstanding Exporters."

To be eligible for this honour, a firm must meet the following requirements:

- *Volume:* Exports must have increased by at least 50 per cent during the past 24 months.
- *Output:* Not less than a quarter of the company's total output must be for the export market.
- *Control:* The manufacturer must maintain a special department to ensure quality control, good design and proper packaging.
- *Promotion:* The company must have participated in some type of export promotion activity during 1973 — either as an exhibitor in a foreign trade fair, in a local exhibition or a similar avenue of trade promotion.

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TENDER No. 23/74

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submitting his bid, the bidder must leave with the City Treasurer a ntee in cash or a bank guarantee issued by a recognized bank, in the of IL12,000. Promissory notes and cheques (other than bank cheques) not be accepted as the guarantee.

tender forms can be obtained from Room 105, City Hall, during ng hours, against (nonreturnable) payment of IL200.

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must be submitted in accordance with all the conditions applying. leparture from these conditions may disqualify the bid.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS

1. The attention of employers and accountants is drawn to the fact that explanatory booklets on the new laws and regulations covering deductions from salaries and work payments will be available from April 28, 1974, at all offices of the Income Tax Commission.
2. Appropriate explanations have already been sent to employers who use data processing systems to calculate salaries and tax.
3. Because of the delay, additional distributions will not be made through the post.

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GENEVA CONFUSION

THE Arab world does not stand where it did when fanatically religious President Muammar Gaddafi of Libya plans a trip to Moscow to test his relations with the Russians, after having led the Moslem world in passionate, inflamed opposition to atheist-Communism.

Nor has the Moslem world stood still when President Sadat of Egypt, heir to Nasser's pro-Soviet Egypt, speaks in such lyrical tones of his friendship with Dr. Kissinger. He has told a French newspaper that this friendship is the result of America's progressive re-alignment away from identification with Israel's view-point.

We have observed a change in that quarter ourselves, but up to the present it has been mainly in such symbolical matters as the vote in the UN condemning the bloodless strike into the Lebanon which followed the Kiryat Shmona outrage. On such essential issues as aid with military equipment there is no change that would account for Egypt's almost total switch away from Russia and in the direction of the U.S.

This switch — and surely it cannot be entirely due to the personal blandishments of Dr. Kissinger — can be attributed in part to the vision of practical and generous economic aid to rebuild Egypt after a generation's span wasted on war; and in part to the realization that the Russians are at best uncomfortable partners.

It was never supposed that much of the Soviet connection in Egypt was based on ideological considerations, though there was a leftist element in Nasser's time that was quickly eliminated by Sadat. Now, in the day of detente, U.S. aid no longer presupposes any ideological identification of its own, for the U.S. administration itself is anxious to see the former political labels fade away, and the anti-Communist faith is only maintained by some more marginal groups.

We thus have the picture of the two foreign ministers of the supposedly embattled superpowers getting together in Geneva and no longer knowing just where their so-called clients stand, and perhaps even where they stand themselves with respect to these clients. Dr. Kissinger's foremost need is to promote the detente with the Soviet Union.

Sadat's swiftly changing allegiance has left Moscow with a grievance and the suspicion that the Middle East is slipping away from them again. The result is Russian advice to Syria to take up its present dangerously aggressive stand. There are other ways of solving this problem than at the expense of Israeli and Syrian lives on the Golan front. Dr. Kissinger could use his great friendship with President Sadat to counsel a little flexibility towards Russia, strange advice as that would be. Or the Russians could regain influence by offering to mediate the Golan dispute on our behalf.

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American vote at U.N.

Ha'aretz (non-party) reviews the various interpretations offered for the American vote in favour of the recent Security Council resolution hostile to Israel and urges the Government to concentrate on the disengagement issue, rather than on Dr. Kissinger's tactics. The paper stresses that Israel is not opposed to increased American influence in the area, provided that it is not purchased entirely at our expense, and concerning Israel's unquestionable assets in the north, it points out "we shall be prepared for a fair give-and-take in the upcoming negotiations, but not for a liquidation sale at whatever prices are offered."

Hatzofe (National Religious) considers the difficulties that Dr. Kissinger is bound to encounter during his fifth trip to the Middle East and points out that the recent American vote in the Security Council, coupled with the $250m. grant to Egypt and the $100m. offer to Syria, show a clear tendency on the part of the U.S. to placate the Arabs. The paper stresses that Dr. Kissinger's optimistic speeches notwithstanding, the Israel ambassador in Washington overdid his attempt at minimizing the import of the American vote, which has undeniable political significance and should be taken seriously.

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VIEWPOINT

Despite possible conflict with the U.S.

Israel must keep the Golan Heights

By MAURICE CARR

"I CAME away with the impression that the youthful Chief of Staff definitely possesses that outstanding steely personality befitting the tip of the spearhead of Israel's Defence Forces. His lucidity, his *whole presence put the fancy into* my head that here was a general who might even one day make his mark in public life beyond the military sphere."

The above paragraph, taken from a "Paris Letter" published in *The Jerusalem Post* on September 25, 1964, refers to Yitzhak Rabin, whom I interviewed when he was on a visit to the French capital. This was before he led the IDF to victory in the Six Day War and, of course, long before he entered politics. But far from boasting, I feel foolish about this prescience, because Rabin at the time — in another context — (I quote) "remarked with a shrug: *'The gift of* prophecy, since the destruction of the Second Temple, has devolved upon fools and children.'"

Still, I stick by my hunch that Mr. Rabin will make good. I am the more confident of this, now we have heard it said Mr. Rabin is prone to acute anxiety. We, the common people of Israel, might not today be stricken with acute anxiety if our "top brass" had had the good sense to suffer pangs of it on the eve of last Yom Kippur. But enough of this War of the Jews!

My purpose is to recall two statements made by Rabin in Paris almost ten years ago. For they are relevant to what are probably our most pressing problems at present.

1. *"There is no such thing as* an alliance devoid of conflicting interests; sometimes within the framework of an alliance there are harsh struggles between members." Should the Premier-designate succeed in forming a government, he will do well to remember his own words. A *de facto* alliance, such as binds Israel to the great U.S., can survive clashes of interest. More specifically, we must not — we just cannot afford to — give up the Golan Heights. Minor rectifications of the "purple line" for the sake of a disengagement of forces with Syria may well be considered. We do wish to see the efforts of Dr. Henry Kissinger crowned with success. But abandonment of a substantial part, let alone the whole of the Golan, could be fatal to us. It is a risk Israel dare not take. The strategic element is obvious. Less evident, but equally important, is the political aspect. Withdrawal from the Heights would correctly be interpreted by both our enemies and our friends as capitulation; thereafter it would not be long before we also lost the lowlands. *Morally, humanly,* there is no reason why we should give in. When Israel took the Golan Heights in the Six Day War, the area was uncultivated, planted only with guns and inhabited by none but soldiers aiming death and mutilation at Jewish Galilee.

2. "The Arabs have given a high priority to the organization of the Palestinians as a political body and — it would seem from their last summit meeting — also as a military body. I do not believe that the Palestinians' military units will be *much of a fighting force; but I* do feel they may have political potentialities of considerable importance... The creation of a political and military organization of Palestinians will, in any view, provide the Arabs with new, more pernicious and more varied possibilities of making trouble..." How right the then Chief of Staff was! It would, however, be desirable for the Premier-designate to elaborate on this crucial subject.

In this connection, I may usefully refer to a brief — and unpleasant — encounter the other day with a Belgian author who has been making the rounds of the Arab *capitals and who voices the* ideology of the more extremist Palestinians. "The Palestinians," he told me, "are prepared to accept the Israelis, but not the Zionists" — meaning that Sabras will be *tolerated, but not immigrant Jews,* and implying a new sort of separation of forces as between Israeli Jewry and Diaspora Jewry. There is scarcely any need to reaffirm that Israel is Zionist. Israel is the Jewish State for all Jews who wish to settle here and who have no *Jewish national home* elsewhere. But surely the time has come to elicit comparable clarity on the part of our adversaries.

'A new breed'

Historically, the Palestinians are a new breed. In the 19th century, according to contemporary European writers, including members of the learned British Society for the Exploration of Palestine, the entire population of what is now Israel, Jordan, southern Syria and southern Lebanon totalled then a mere 300,000. They, including the Jews, who in Jerusalem outnumbered the Moslems and the Christians, regarded themselves as Ottoman Turkish subjects, not Palestinians. The incipient influx of Jewish pioneers, who began reclaiming the desolate land, attracted flocks of Arab immigrants. If *these Arabs or their descendants* now choose to look upon themselves as Palestinians, that is their right. But they simply cannot have it both ways. They cannot claim to be genuine Palestinians and at *the same time identify with the one* united Arab nation enjoying sovereignty over a wide sweep of territory from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf. If they are Arabs they are already at home among their fellow-Arabs.

Who are we to contest pan-Arabism, if that is what the Arab want? In that case, President Sadat of Egypt is indeed under the obligation to concert his moves with those of Syria and other parts of the vast Arab nation, not excluding Libya. But in that case also, the so-called Palestinians are actually Arabs — and then the pseudo-Palestinians, who became refugees as a consequence of the abortive attempt to throw the Jews into the sea, should not be resettled amongst their Arab brethren.

On the other hand, if pan-Arabism is a myth and recognized as such in Cairo and elsewhere, then we should reach strictly separate settlements with Egypt, with Jordan, and, also, with the Palestinians — which will not be so hard, because Palestine indisputably covers both sides of the Jordan, and we Jews have resigned ourselves to forfeiture of the West Bank.

It is for the Arabs and/or the Palestinians to make up their minds who and what they are, and then they — and we — will act accordingly.

READERS' LETTERS

'Inflexible hospitable rotation system'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — This letter is being written in the hope that someone else may be spared the frustration and the very real indignation caused by the *inflexibility of the hospital rota* system.

On Friday, March 8, I took an old lady (92) to the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem to have a leg X-rayed. The X-ray showed two fractures. Naturally as we were already in the hospital, I asked for some immediate treatment. I was rudely repulsed, first by the doctor in the X-ray Department, who told me: "Take her to Hadassah, it's *their turn to take orthopaedic* patients today." When I pointed out the patient's age and state, the various doctors I spoke to reiterated the statement that Hadassah was the duty hospital that day. Rather *than submit the old lady to further* pain and distress, I took her home and telephoned to a real doctor, one who had not forgotten his Hippocratic oath. Although by this time it was well into Friday afternoon, he came and we called an orthopaedic surgeon, who also came. The latter decided that the leg must be put into plaster of Paris, but he would not submit so old a patient to further unnecessary transport, so he called a technician and the leg was set here at home.

(MRS.) LEAH BECKER

Jerusalem March 26.

Shaare Zedek Hospital replies:

Mrs. Becker's complaint is another unfortunate consequence of the Health Ministry's rota system, which determines on which days of the month each hospital is to accept emergency patients in specific departments.

In this case, the patient in question, Mrs. Evelyn Becker, did not come to the hospital's Emergency Admission Unit for emergency treatment, but was simply referred for X-rays by her own doctor acting in a private capacity. It is indeed unfortunate that Mrs. Becker's private physician did not have the X-rays taken, as he easily could have, at the hospital then on duty, which could thereupon have continued treatment.

Once the X-rays had been taken at Shaare Zedek, however, the hospital was bound by the rules of the rota system to refer Mrs. Becker to the hospital on duty. This quite apart from the fact that on the date mentioned, there was not a single bed available in the orthopaedic or surgical departments.

Shaare Zedek Hospital, for its part, will continue to provide modern medical service for all while persisting in its efforts to alter the inflexible rota system.

ELCHANAN E. PELS
Director of Public Relations

Jerusalem, April 14.

Kishon for P.M.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Ephraim Kishon's "Plea for national unity" (April 17) is a masterpiece, not only of political foresight, but of patriotism, mass-psychology and social justice. If he were available, I would vote for him as Prime Minister because he is the right man to restore optimism, hope and confidence to all strata of our glorious nation.

MOSHE WISER

Petah Tikva, April 17.

TV change

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I suggest that TV discussion programmes like "Moked," "What is new," "Boomerang," etc. be broadcast immediately after Mabat? Thrillers now take up peak-viewing hours and should be screened later in the evening. The present schedule prevents elderly people from seeing worthwhile programmes.

ALISA KANAN

Jerusalem, April 8.

Protest group

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We have been reading and hearing about the various protest groups, and their roof organisation. It seems clear that they are protesting against government by a *small, almost independent body, out* of contact with popular problems and popular feeling; against a party "machine' which runs parties and elections according to its own, and not the party members' ideas. It is less obvious what these groups are for.

In my opinion most of the evils they are against could be removed by a change in the electoral system within the parties.

The protest groups should now state what they are *for*, what their concrete aims are, and how they mean to achieve them.

DR. A. YUVAL

Jerusalem, April 17.

Black iris

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Recently you published an informative article on the almost extinct black iris and mentioned that it is still to be found south of Netanya. I wonder if you realize that this area is scheduled for redevelopment and surveyors are already at work.

I know we have to use land for housing, but it seems sad that an area so rich in natural flora and fauna should be razed into a sandy wilderness. Surely this area is of special interest to naturalists and should be preserved as a recreation area and green belt for the surrounding neighbourhoods.

ALAN PARNASS

Netanya, April 15.

Traffic lights

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There should be more traffic lights of the type that start blinking the green light before changing to yellow. This gives ample warning to onrushing cars of the impending change. The ordinary non-blinking type of traffic light often forces the driver to stop suddenly, with the result that the car behind him may bump into him, or complete the crossing on yellow, with the red light coming on while doing so, and a traffic policeman waiting for him on the other side of the road.

WALTER BELLAK

Tel Aviv, April 13.

Self-help housing

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Self-help is a concept well understood by Western immigrants. A.A.C.I. has in the past succeeded in gathering individuals who together built housing to fill their own needs. Projects such as Shikun Amerikai in Herzliya, Nayot in Jerusalem, and Kfar Haroeh were all built by self-help groups working through A.A.C.I. Such organized groups can solicit, and have previously received, the assistance of such bodies as the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and the Jewish Agency.

There is in Jerusalem today a considerable number of young couples, both with and without children, for whom such a self-help venture is the solution to their housing problem.

To establish such a group, A.A.C.I. Jerusalem is inviting, through the good offices of your column, all young couples with immigant rights regardless of country of origin, to a founding meeting at the Moadon Haoleh at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

STEVE ADLER, Chairman,
DOV CHERNOK, Director,
AACI — Jerusalem

Jeusalem, April 15.

Beate Klarsfeld

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Thank you for your inspiring story on Beate Klarsfeld (April 5). In times like these, we need to read more of such selfless, dedicated people who haven't forgotten the past.

ELAINE STARKMAN

Walnut Creek, California, April 14.

Successful emissaries

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a professional practitioner in the field of Jewish community relations, much of my work involves interpretation of events in the Middle East. Thus, I followed closely the recent debate in Israel about the adequacy of the government's information service.

It is therefore gratifying to be able to report a significant success story. Last month, our city was fortunate to host four Israeli high school students who were participating in a programme sponsored by the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs. All the reports that I have heard emphasize what articulate and personable spokesmen these youngsters were as they told their stories about life in Israel to high school and college groups, Christian and Jewish. Despite a gorous schedule designed to give them maximum exposure, they remained effective throughout the two-week stay here.

It was obvious that those government officials who selected and briefed these youngsters exercised the best judgment and should be complimented, as should the youngsters themselves, Elisha Ofer, Michel Suesser, Ehud Yarmitsky and Orly Zirinsky.

NORMAN SIDMAN
Executive Director
Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council

Indianapolis, April 17.

Veteran dancer

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In her article "Body language here influenced by Hebrew" (April 19), Mrs. Sowden quite rightly gives honour to a number of dancers of whom she says that the story of dance in Israel cannot be told without their being mentioned.

Mrs. Sowden, however, forgot one name which certainly cannot be left out: Yardena Cohen, who not only preceded all those mentioned by her but decisively contributed to the development of Israel dance, its popularity and role in education.

Haifa, April 20. *ASHER BENTAL*

Sorry spectacle

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The depth of our sorrow after the October events was cheapened by the unseemly haste with which we proceeded to look for scapegoats. The obscene witch-hunt tarnished our image abroad and must delight our enemies, especially since it resulted in the resignation of our truly great Premier, the like of whom we shall not see again. She must indeed be saddened by the whole sorry spectacle: is this the way to honour our dead?

TINA KIMC

Kibbutz Revivim, April 20.

PEN FRIENDS

MICHELE JOUVELET (20), of 7 Leo Crescent, South Wentworthville 2145, Sydney, Australia, would like to correspond with young Israeli men between the ages of 20 and 24. Her hobbies are pop music, photography, football and stamps.

M. J. OBLINK of Vulcanustraat 33, Den Bosch (GLA), Holland, would like to respond with young Israelis in order to exchange stamps.

MONICA POST (18), of 4434 Ochtrup, Westwall 7, West Germany, would like to have Israeli penfriends.

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